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## Real People

The Krewe answers "The Call of the Wild" for its annual Carnival Bal Masque.

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**Sunday**  
**March 16, 2003**

### Pass St. Pat's Parade is today at 2 p.m.

The Krewe of Blarney Halfast Walkin' Klub's St. Patrick's Parade begins today at 2 p.m. at Palace in the Pass at Fleitas Ave. and Scenic Dr.

### St. Joseph's Altars at Koerner, Garcia homes

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Koerner will sponsor a St. Joseph's Altar this Wed. from noon to 4 p.m. at their home, 10066 Paradise Ln., Bay St. Louis. This is their 38th annual altar. Also on Wed., there will be a St. Joseph's Altar at the home of Jeanne Garcia, at the corner of Hwy. 90 and McLaurin St. in Waveland, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., with offerings donated to charity. For information, call 467-8322 or 467-8322. Schools welcome.

### First Presbyterian to host rummage sale

First Presbyterian Church, 114 Ulman Ave., BSL, will host a rummage sale this Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more, call 467-3921.

### The Art of Life

Bay resident and Life Transition Coach Keith Karlson will speak at Da Beach House, 604 S. Beach Blvd., BSL, this Thursday at 7 p.m. Topics include "creating a sense of well-being and safety in a world of constant change."

### Dog Agility Show

The Hancock County Equine and Livestock Arena will host the USDA Dog Fun Show & Agility Trial Mar. 21-23. Call 392-4353 for more.

### Wave Ave. rail closing

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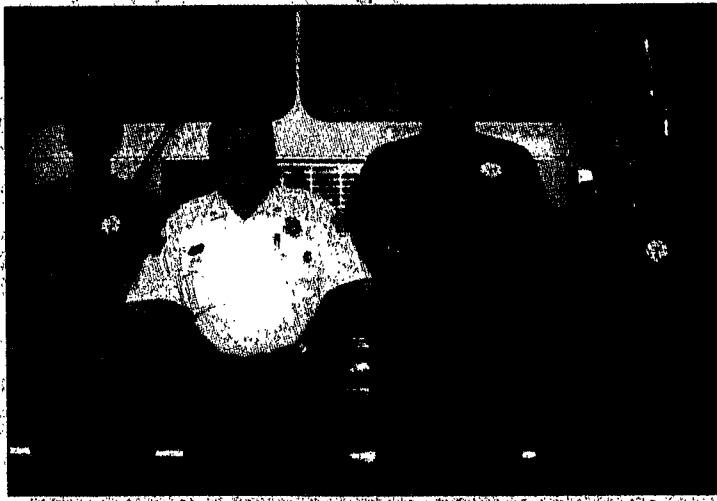


Grand Marshal Jerry West leads off the Waveland Civic Association's St. Patrick's Parade on Saturday. Look for more photos from the parade in Thursday's edition of The Sea Coast Echo.

## Grant makes firefighters 'fit' for duty

BY SHANNON JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Pass Christian recently received federal funding to implement a formal public safety wellness, fitness and injury prevention program for its fire department, which will be both beneficial to the firefighters and the public.



From left are David Slatten, Chief Richard Marvill, Shane Bass, and Joey King. They will be among the Pass Christian firefighters who will participate in the fitness program.

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### Earth Day: A Special Report

## Region on 'dirtiest' pollution rankings

Half of *all* U.S. dioxin emissions come from here

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

**E**arth Day is approaching and a good time to take a look at our local environment. The first Earth Day was celebrated on the Equinox, March 21, 1970, a creation of 86 year old John McConnell, to celebrate the

Earth. A yearly Environmental Teach In held much later, on April 22, became the day many chose to celebrate Earth Day.

If you drive a vehicle, use electricity, or buy any number of home products, you are contributing to the problem, but there are steps each person can take to reduce their impact on the environment.

We live in an industrial society and industry certainly contributes to the overall problem. Depending on the product generated, waste by-products are released into the atmosphere in the air, water, and land. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires that industries report releases of many substances to the Toxic

**EARTH DAY CREDO:**  
"All individuals and institutions have a natural responsibility to act as Trustees of Earth, seeking choices in ecology, economics and ethics that will eliminate pollution, poverty and violence, foster peaceful progress, awaken the wonder of life, and realize the best potential for the future of the human adventure."

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## Bay man robbed, pistol-whipped by home invaders

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS  
Publisher Emeritus

A home invasion took place approximately 9:30 p.m. Thursday, outside Bay St. Louis on Galere Drive, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

"The victim, Peter Lewis, 21, of Bay St. Louis was transported to Hancock Medical Center with wounds to his face after being struck with the butt of a handgun," Garber said. Lewis was treated for his injuries and released.

Investigator André Fizer, who is investigating the case, said Friday that, "Lewis received a knock on his door by a female

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## Arrest Record

**Editor's note:** The following is a complete list of arrests logged at the Hancock county Justice Facility from March 7-14. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

### ECHO STAFF REPORT

- Robert E. Baker, 21, sale of controlled substance
- Anthony Vagnarelli, 29, trespassing, possession of paraphernalia, possession of prescription, parole violation (possession of stolen property), (hold for MDOC)
- Jamieson Magee, 26, sale of controlled substance, (warrant)
- Charles Celestin, 47, sale of crack, (warrant)
- Kevin Gautreaux, 33, simple assault (domestic)
- Kellie Gautreaux, 24, simple assault (domestic)
- Kathleen Scaffidi, 53, simple assault (domestic)
- Rodney Bradley, 19, sale of controlled substance, possession of controlled substance with intent, (warrant)
- Galen Smith, 30, sale of marijuana, possession of marijuana with intent, (warrant)
- Marc A. Price, 23, sale of controlled substance, possession of controlled substance, sale of crack cocaine, (warrant)
- Brysson Laneaux, 21, possession of controlled substance (marijuana)
- Jared Jackson, 32, possession with intent
- Pamela Parent, 41, parole violation, (warrant)
- Wayne Cornell Jr., 34, DUI (2nd), driving without driver's license
- Victoria E. Quentini, 39, public drunk, contempt of court, (warrant)
- Ronald J. Washington, 46, simple assault (domestic)
- Kevin A. Smith, 20, no

### driver's license

- Felicia Brown, 28, simple assault, (domestic)
- Mickey Bruce, 45, public drunk
- Raymond R. Bermond, 53, public drunk
- Annie J. Tanniehill, 62, uttering forgery
- Terrance J. Thomas, 20, transfer of controlled substance
- Ben W. Kapp, 40, public drunk, suspended driver's license, no insurance
- Tommy Billiot, 28, DUI (1st)
- Michael Jez, 27, reckless driving, no insurance, failure to yield
- Lori Jean Paquet, 41, shoplifting (1st)
- Neal A. Spiers, 25, suspended driver's license, no child restraint, careless driving
- Janell Mollohan, 22, simple assault by threat, (warrant)
- Steven Mollohan, 26, assault by threat, (warrant), aggravated assault
- Shane M. Lawrence, 30, ERS violation (escape), trespassing
- Ruben A. Walker, 26, simple assault (domestic)
- Willie T. Simon Jr., 37, DUI (1st) (other substance), possession of firearm by felon
- Shaine M. Hollaway, 27, possession of controlled substance (heroin, crack, Zanex)
- Alycia Creppel, 18, possession of paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance with intent to distribute
- Barney L. Hickman Jr., 23, switched tag, no insurance, running stop sign, suspended driver's license, possession of controlled substance with intent while in possession of firearm
- Christopher Lee Carpenter, 24, sale of controlled substance, (warrant)
- Shane Ashley Norton,

- 22, sale of controlled substance, (warrant)
- Dawn M. Daigre, 19, sale of controlled substance, (warrant)
- Jimmy Snelgrove, 45, disturbance of family (domestic)
- Johnny Wyatt, 35, molesting, possession of controlled substance
- Carrie M. Mooney, 23, no insurance, no child restraint, DUI, failure to yield, leaving scene of accident
- Robert Lee Wilkerson, 28, trespassing, disorderly conduct
- David Wayne Eubank, 41, disorderly conduct, destruction of city property, disturbance of family, false information to police officer
- Danny James Cunningham, 37, contempt of court, no insurance, DUI (3rd), refused test, reckless driving, driving while driver's license suspended
- David E. Lee, 37, bad checks
- Steven Paul Sandrock, 46, forged false prescription
- Patsy Clark, 40, disturbance of peace, (warrant)
- Nicholas Narvaez, 18, malicious mischief, simple assault on minor, (warrant)
- Angela C. Coulter, 43, simple assault, (warrant)
- Ricky Dale Coulter Jr., 21, simple assault, (warrant)
- Ricky Dale Coulter Sr., 43, contempt of court, (warrant)
- Betty Ann Hoitinga, 44, DUI (1st), refused test
- Richard A. Mayne, 37, possession of controlled substance
- Alvin F. Kline Jr., 40, DUI
- Michelle A. Moise, 33, possession of controlled substance
- Bratton Ray Peacock, 43, possession of cocaine, hold for Orange County Sheriff's Office, failure to

### appear

- Dennis Baud, 54, suspended driver's license, careless driving, no insurance
- Troy A. Galarza, 35, contempt of court, (warrant)
- Gretchen E. Hanson, 19, driving while driver's license suspended
- Terrie E. Daugherty, 39, possession of controlled substance
- Misty M. Pohlmann, 30, DUI (2nd)
- Robert W. Doyle, 29, disturbance of business
- Joel J. Abraham, 36, disturbance of business
- Rosette M. Bordelon, 38, possession of paraphernalia
- Richard A. Mayne, 37, possession of controlled substance

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## Clermont fire under investigation

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS  
Publisher Emeritus

The origin of a house fire reported last week at a Clermont Harbor residence on Lower Bay Road, is undetermined, according to Hancock County Fire Coordinator Brian Adam.

The house was nearly destroyed, with the exception of an addition in the back. Charlie Jackson, Clermont Harbor Fire Chief said on Tuesday.

"When we arrived at the scene, the inside of the vacant home was pretty well engulfed in smoke and fire was coming through the roof. Windows began to pop as we set up to quell the flames. We knocked down the fire one time, but ran out of water," Jackson said. "We had tremendous assistance, as there were some 16 to 20 firefighters at the scene, as West Hancock, Bay



Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas  
**Smoke still rises Monday from an early Sunday morning fire which destroyed this house located at 5487 Lower Bay Road in Clermont Harbor.**

Side, East Hancock and Waveland fire departments responded to our assistance.

"It was really too far gone for us to save the house. Only the add on in the back

still stands, but it has a lot of smoke and heat damage."

A passing motorist reported the fire to the Hancock County Sheriff's Department.

## Heroin found after I-10 stop

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS  
Publisher Emeritus

Making a routine traffic stop last week on Interstate 10, Deputy Danny Gilkerson, received permission to search the vehicle, found three doses of heroin, a rock of crack, pills, paraphernalia and a small amount of marijuana, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

Gilkerson first found in the center console a syringe and spoon then 38 blue pills and the other drugs, Garber said.

Sheriff's Narcotic's Division Agent Abe Long, who was called and is handling the drug investigation, said, "An inventory of the drugs located was taken."

"There was a passenger in the vehicle, but the driver, upon questioning said everything belonged to

him."

Shaine Holloway, 27, of New Orleans was charged with possession of a controlled substance, and was

still lodged Friday evening in the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility in lieu of a \$30,000 bond," Long said.

## Road Closing

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC  
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Please take note that the Waveland Avenue railroad crossing will be closed by CSX Railroad for repairs from Wednesday, 3/19/2003 at 8:30a.m. through Friday, 3/21/2003 at 8:00a.m.

Tracy Hickman,  
Public Works Administrator

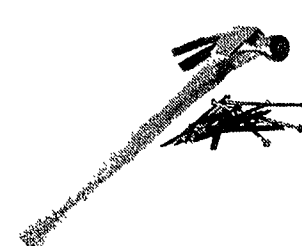
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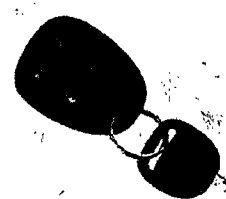
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# Supers clear Pearlington wastewater treatment plant path for Bay council

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

A resolution passed at a meeting of the Hancock County Board of Supervisors earlier this month confirming their commitment to being a partner in providing wastewater treatment for Pearlington should clear the way for the City of Bay St. Louis to sign a county wide contract for wastewater treatment, said Southern Regional Wastewater District board attorney Ronnie Artigues.

Bay St. Louis is the only entity in the county that has not committed to the new contract which spreads the cost of county wastewater treatment and projects evenly throughout the

county, based on usage.

Mayor Eddie Farve said council members were reluctant to sign on as a joint partner without commitment by Supervisors to back contract obligations for county treatment districts.

In other business:

• URS sent a written response to a report from Metcalf and Eddy presented by District Engineer Duke Levy at a previous meeting. The URS report completed in August 2002 had rated the plant at having a capacity of 3.2 million gallons per day and Metcalf and Eddy report completed recently had rated the plant as having a potential capacity of 4.9 MGD. URS concluded that they stood by their original findings for rating plant capacity.

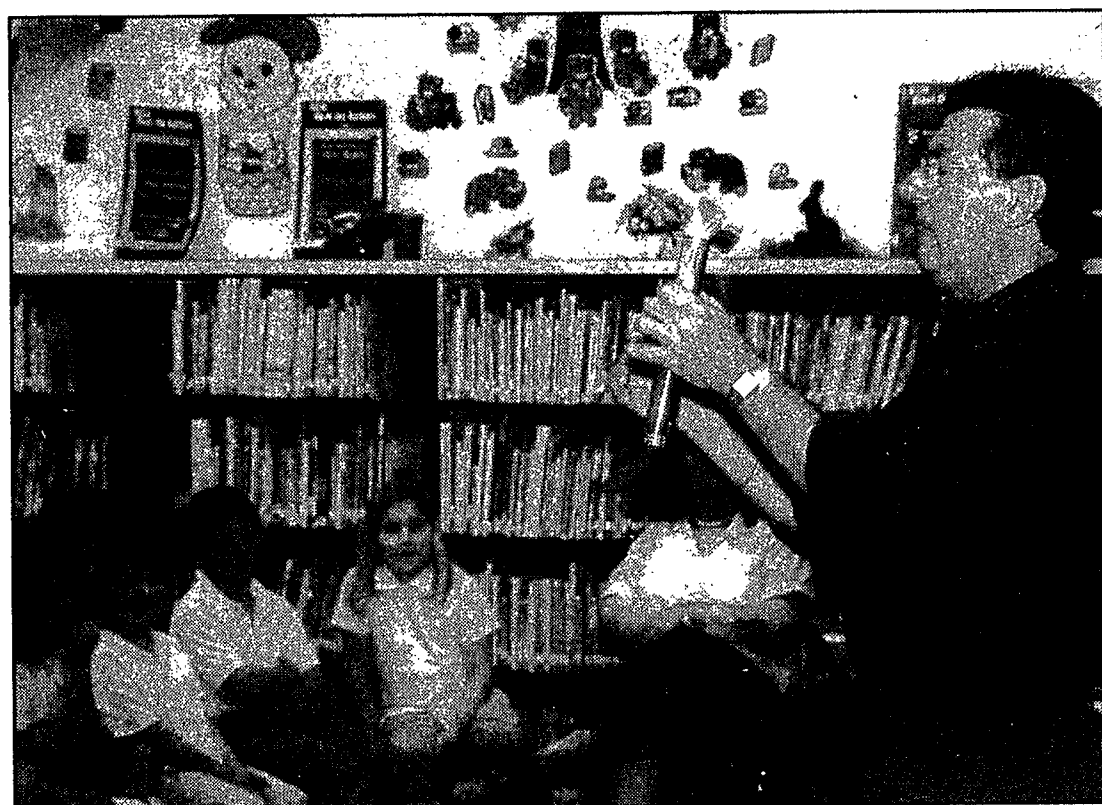
Representatives from the Hancock County Water and Sewer District once again asked about treatment for their remaining estimated 1000 potential customers, now without sewer service. The district is unable to receive funding to begin new collection system projects until Southern Regional can guarantee treatment. Board member Mayor Eddie Farve said he had no problem saying that the plant could handle the customers now. District 2 Supervisor Rocky Pullman said he would like to analyze the situation further before giving the district a definite answer.

• The board passed a resolution to be sent to appropriate agencies which commits the district to develop-

ing a satellite plant in the county for sewage treatment in Pearlington and all participating entities. The resolution went on to say that the district has accepted the engineering recommendations of URS, is currently obtaining a package treatment plant, and soliciting statements of qualification from engineers for construction of a permanent plant.

• The board and auditor Gerald Rigby went in to executive session to discuss a draft of an audit report for the 2000/2001 budget year. No action was taken and the budget remains in draft form. The board was unable to say when the audit would be finalized.

## Literacy Day



Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins  
North Bay Elementary celebrated Literacy Day on March 14 with several activities. Guest readers also made appearances Friday. Among the guest readers was children's author Andy Bowman of Branson, Mo. Bowman was on the Coast for a week reading to students from several of his books, including "Indian Slim," "The Quilt," "Bobby Beaver Learns a Lesson" and "Pokey's Garden."

## Two charged with assault

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS  
Publisher Emeritus

Two arrests have been made in connection with aggravated assault involving David Burgess, 38, of Shoreline Park, who was found on the floor of his home unconscious and bleeding on March 1, Sheriff Steve Garber said last week.

As reported in The Echo's March 6 edition, Burgess was found by his brother, who summoned emergency medical attention.

Lead Investigator Rita Blaize-Watson, who was at the scene said, "Mr. Burgess was transported to an area hospital where he underwent emergency surgery and was unconscious and in a critical condition."

On Thursday, Garber said, "Steven Mollohan, 26, 6034 Covington, and Richard (Ricky) Coulter, Jr., 21, Jefferson Davis, both of Shoreline Park, have been charged with aggravated assault in connection with the Burgess incident. Bond

for each has been set at \$100,000."

Burgess had been found with a large wound to the side of his head and a pool of blood at his residence. His condition has been improved to stable, Garber said Thursday.

An intensive investigation has been on-going since March 1, Chief Investigator Bob Lambert said.

"Around 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sheriff's Investigators, Narcotics Agents and a host of deputies with search warrants converged on the two Shoreline Park residences," Lambert said.

Two additional arrests were made at the Jefferson Davis address, Lambert added.

Richard Coulter, Sr., was arrested for an outstanding simple assault warrant for the county, and also for contempt of court for Waveland. Angela Coulter, 44, was arrested for a simple assault warrant for the county, also. Neither of those cases was related to

the Burgess incident, Lambert said.

He said the case is still under investigation.

## Legion to host security forum

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American Legion Unit 139 will sponsor a "Community Security Forum" on March 31, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. at the Post Home on Green Meadow Road.

Speakers have been invited from Keesler and the National Guard, as well as Fire Department, and Police Departments.

Congressman Gene Taylor has also been invited. Many companies are being asked to set up information booths to provide security material.

Door prizes will be given and dinner will be served.

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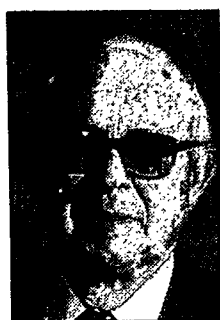
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# OPINION

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## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

### Lumberyard After Hours was one to remember

Over the past several years we have had some very dry conditions over extended periods of time in our area. Even mature trees died for lack of moisture as well as lawns and shrubs.

This past Fall and Winter sure have made up for the lack of rain we had during those dry periods.

Nature seems to have its own way of balancing things out. For sure we cannot control nature, or even predict many things which happen.

Winter storms, rain storms, ice storms, tornados, hurricanes, etc., experts can guess when they will occur, but not really be sure.

Nature is very complex and the more that is learned about it, the more the experts seem to want to know.

For sure our trees and shrubs should not be thirsty this year, but one never knows as an extended dry season could start anytime.

On Thursday evening from 5 to 7 p.m., the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's March Business After Hours will take place at the Lumberyard Art Center, 299 S. Second St., between Bay Catholic and the railroad tracks.

Sponsor for the After Hours is ATK Thiokol Propulsion from the Stennis Space Center.

I have been told there will be some great snack, refreshments and door prizes. So, do not forget to bring along several business cards.

This is a good time to make new friends and renew old acquaintances.

Registration continues at McDonald Field in Bay St. Louis for the Bay Dixie Girls Fastpitch softball league from 5 to 7 p.m. on March 17 and March 21.

Registration is also available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Jerry Rigby's office in the Market Town Shopping Center, or Southern Printing, 230 Davis Avenue, Pass Christian.

This is really going to be another exciting year for the Bay Dixie Girls Fastpitch league. The season will be climaxed with Bay St. Louis hosting the 2003 Ponytail Division World Series for 11-12 year old Dixie Girls Fastpitch Softball.

The tournament will take place August 1-8, as Bay St. Louis will be hosting players from 12 southeastern states.

We will be giving you more information as the time nears.

## State plagued by disappearing docs

Last year when President Bush visited Mississippi he said eliminating frivolous lawsuits should be a top priority of both the state and federal governments.

He backed up his statement by urging Congress to pass medical liability reform, specifically to address the skyrocketing cost of medical malpractice insurance which our doctors must buy to practice medicine. It is now time for the U.S. Senate to follow President Bush's lead.



### From the Senate

By U.S. Sen. Trent Lott

Health care providers in states without reasonable reform, including Mississippi, have experienced the largest premium increases - between almost 40 percent and 113 percent in 2002 alone. Now, I am a lawyer by trade. I certainly respect one's right to sue when they feel it is justified. I believe those charged with healing our bodies should indeed be held to the highest standards, and they must be subject to serious consequences if they fail to meet those standards.

However, throughout Mississippi, doctors are curtailing, ceasing their practice, or moving to states with more sensible liability limits because they can no longer afford to practice in lawsuit-rich locales like our state. Mississippi's disappearing doctor problem could be a prelude to a much broader nationwide crisis, if Congress fails to follow the President's lead on medical liability reform.

Any reform proposals must be patient centered. The interests of doctors, medical staff and even plaintiffs must come second to that of the patient.

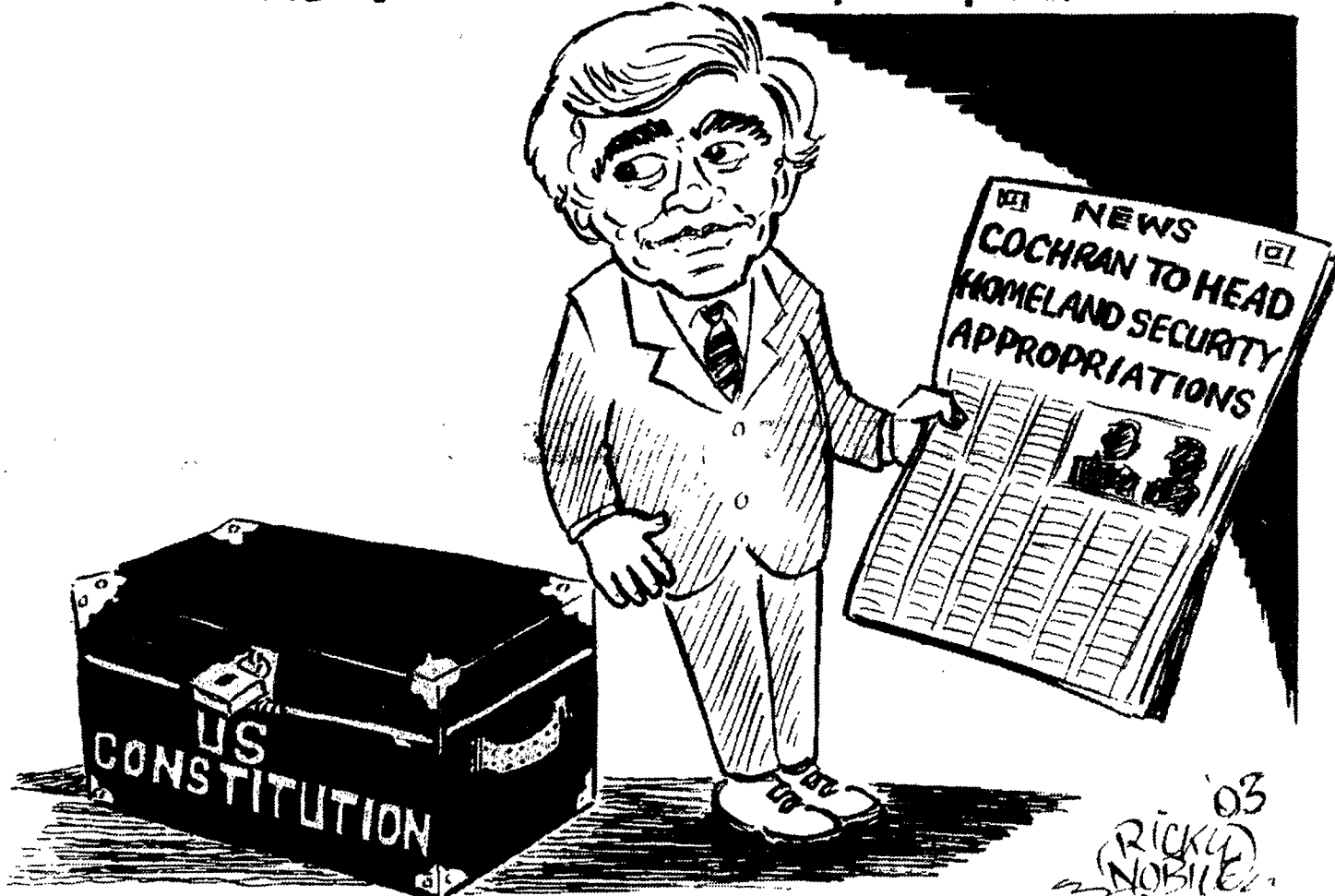
To do this, we must protect access to health care and simultaneously protect

the quality of health care afforded to patients. In Mississippi both patient access and quality of health care are already serious issues.

Just recently we have seen doctors leaving the Natchez area because of lawsuits. On the Coast, physicians walked off their jobs in protest. We saw a similar medical crisis in the Delta. The same could happen in medical centers like Jackson, Vicksburg, Hattiesburg, Tupelo or Meridian, leaving thousands of patients without access to quality health care. In Mississippi, most patients depend on regional

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## State Attorney General deserves thanks

I believe that the people of the United States owe a profound thanks to your Attorney General, Mike Moore, who has recently announced his retirement after four terms. Moore's legal genius, tenacity, and integrity in conceiving and prosecuting the massive tobacco suits in the late 1990's have resulted in long overdue and massive settlements against the tobacco companies, about \$225 billion.

These suits were well thought out, and their premises were both brilliant and logical: to recover the health care costs incurred by the states resulting from the perfidy and misrepresentations of the tobacco companies.

At the onset, no one thought these suits would have any more chance than the proverbial "snowball in hell." However, when Mike expanded his circle of tobacco suit 4 conspirators, so to speak, to include the Attorneys General of New Mexico, Minnesota, and Florida, there was no stopping his invincible logic, and the states-won the judgments, which are now being used for all kinds of beneficial things by every state, to directly benefit all of our cit-

izens, to prevent smoking, to further health care and medical education, and so on. What a legacy to the nation from one lawyer's mind!

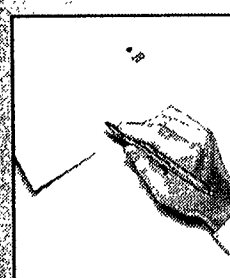
I predict the next phase for this kind of brilliant consumer-oriented legal strategy will be the arena of our food supply: the junk food, the carcinogens, the neurotoxins, and others, all of which have proven medical effects and behavioral affects, especially on youth and lower income people in general who cannot afford access to organic or natural food sources. Ultimately, the judgements against large multinational food corporations could equal or far exceed the judgements against the tobacco companies.

I'd like to see Mike Moore's excellent legal mind applied to that problem, the next phase of consumer litigation: if we can't stop the manufacturers of junk food and their deleterious practices, which are equal in their diabolical misrepresentations to the tobacco companies, we could make them pay for the cancers and neurological problems they create. For example, Attention Deficit Disorder, Asthma, Lou Gehrig's dis-

## Letters to the Editor

### Our letters policy

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ease, and a host of other ailments derive from Monosodium. Glutamate and artificial sweeteners like Aspartame.

One of the foremost experts in these matters is Dr. Russell Blaylock, Professor of Neurosurgery at the University of Mississippi Medical School, and author of a shocking book on the subject, Excitotoxins.

In short, Mike Moore: please don't retire for too long: 250 million American consumers still need you desperately, in the US Senate, at the FDA, or some new branch of the Justice Department. Food quality affects every one in this nation!

Respectfully,  
Stephen Fox  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

### Technicalities

Q When must the board of supervisors advertise for bids from financial institutions to keep county funds?

A The board of supervisors at each regular December meeting, or every two years at the board's discretion, shall give notice to

all properly insured financial institutions by publication that bids will be received at the following January meeting, or some subsequent meeting, for the privilege of keeping the county funds, or any part thereof. (\$27-105-305)



## Lott -- disappearing docs

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medical centers and/or rural hospitals and clinics. We must ensure the operation of these medical facilities.

With reform, I believe the quality and affordability of health care will increase. With the threat of frivolous lawsuits hanging over their heads, many doctors right now are practicing "defensive medicine," prescribing costly medical treatments - not so much for the patient's sake, but for the sole purpose of avoiding litigation. This just exacerbates the already troubling costs of prescription drugs and other treatment, particularly to America's elderly.

Doctors feel they can no longer prescribe a more modest, less costly treatment for some patients - because they may be sued later.

This kind of practice raises costs to patients and puts patients at risk.

President Bush has actually laid a good framework for medical liability reform which will improve both the access to treatment and the quality of health care. It is based on several principals which include prudent caps on non-economic damages sought in lawsuits. The framework further seeks to reserve punitive damages -

which are "pain and suffering" awards - for cases in which they are clearly justified. Old cases would be prohibited from being brought back years after an event.

The amount doctors would be required to pay would be reduced if a plaintiff has received other compensatory payments from an insurer. Overall, defendants would pay judgments in proportion to their fault, while preserving a plaintiff's right to seek damages.

In the coming weeks I am hopeful the Senate will take up the President's challenge

and build upon his framework to stop frivolous lawsuits. This would enable our medical community to put patients first once again. Given the medical crisis in our own state, Mississippians especially understand that the disappearance of doctors and other medical professionals is not only disturbing, but deadly. 3/14/03

Senator Lott welcomes any questions or comments about this column. Write to: U.S. Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (Attn: Press Office)

## Traffic stop reveals drugs, warrants, gun

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS  
Publisher Emeritus

Hancock County Deputy Jason Chandler last week observed a small vehicle failing to stop at the stop sign of V-Bar Road and Highway 53, which led to the driver and passenger being arrested on various charges, Sheriff Steve Garber reports.

Garber said following the traffic stop and checking, Barney L. Hickman, 24, of Brooklyn, MS, was arrested and charged with switched tag, no insurance, running a stop sign, suspended drivers license, possession with intent to deliver while in possession of a fire arm and

bond set at \$42,500. Alicia G. Creppel, 19, of Saucier, MS, was charged with possession of paraphernalia, possession with intent, and a warrant from Stone County. Her bond was set at \$40,500.

Garber continued, "Deputy Clark Ladner, who was with Chandler, approached the driver and advised him of why he was stopped."

There was a female in the vehicle. A tag check revealed it was from another vehicle. Deputy Danny Gilkerson also arrived on the scene of the stop.

Garber added, the deputies were advised that

the female had an outstanding felony warrant from Stone County. Permission was received to search the vehicle and at first a prescription bottle was found with label torn off, then a bag of white powdery substance, a semiautomatic .25 caliber pistol. The female then reported she had some 13 grams of methamphetamine hidden under her waist band. She was asked

to remove the contraband from her waist band which she did. She produced a black pouch containing several one inch by one inch bags containing a off-white powdery substance. Also in the pouch was a pill bottle containing a powdery substance."

Narcotics agents Abe Long and Clifton (Bubba) Malley were summoned to the scene.

## Cuevas seeks re-election

Jay Cuevas has qualified as a Democrat for the August 5 primary and is seeking re-election as Hancock County Board of Supervisor, District Five.

Cuevas 43, is a life, long resident of Hancock County and he and his wife are the parents of two sons.

He is in his first term as supervisor and among the accomplishments during that period includes; improvements to recreation facilities, roads, drainage, economic development and zoning text.

Cuevas is a member of Annunciation Catholic Church, Kiln, Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, Hancock Solid Waste Authority, Diamondhead Business and Professional Association, North Hancock Business



Jay Cuevas

Association, St. Stanislaus Alumni Association and the Hancock High Athletic Booster Clubs.

In seeking re-election Cuevas said, "I ask for your vote and support in the upcoming elections in order to continue promoting a better quality of life and keep Hancock County moving forward."

## Prayer vigil is today

A weeklong, around-the-clock prayer vigil begins at 9 a.m. today in Bay St. Louis.

The effort, sponsored by the Hancock County Ministerial Alliance, is the first of its kind in the county, and will be carried out in several Bay St. Louis area churches. Participants will offer prayers on a one-hour basis, either in silence or aloud, praying for a spiritual revival in Hancock County, a resolution of the Middle East crisis, safety of individual members of the Armed Forces from Hancock County, and other intentions as proposed by churches or individuals. The program is open to any individual who would like to register for a one-hour segment of prayer.

The first segment of the vigil will begin this morning

at First Presbyterian Church of Bay St. Louis, where members of the 7th Day Adventist Mission and First Presbyterian Church will sponsor the first 24 hours of prayer. The vigil shifts to St. Rose De Lima Church on Necaise Avenue on Monday; First Baptist Church of Bay St. Louis on Main Street, Tuesday; Central Bible Church on Highway 90 on Wednesday; Word of Faith Church on Old Spanish Trail, Thursday; and Bayou Talla Baptist Church on Highway 43, Friday. On Saturday, the program wraps up with prayers offered at First Assembly of God Church in Waveland, with a concluding prayer rally at 8 p.m.

Anyone wishing to participate should contact Dr. Ted Hanawalt, 332-0341, or Henry Pultsifer, 255-9251.

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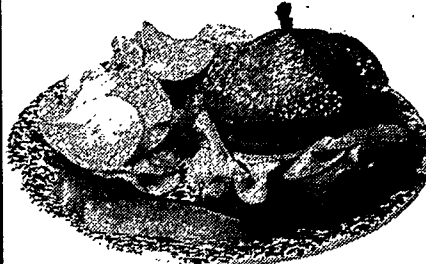
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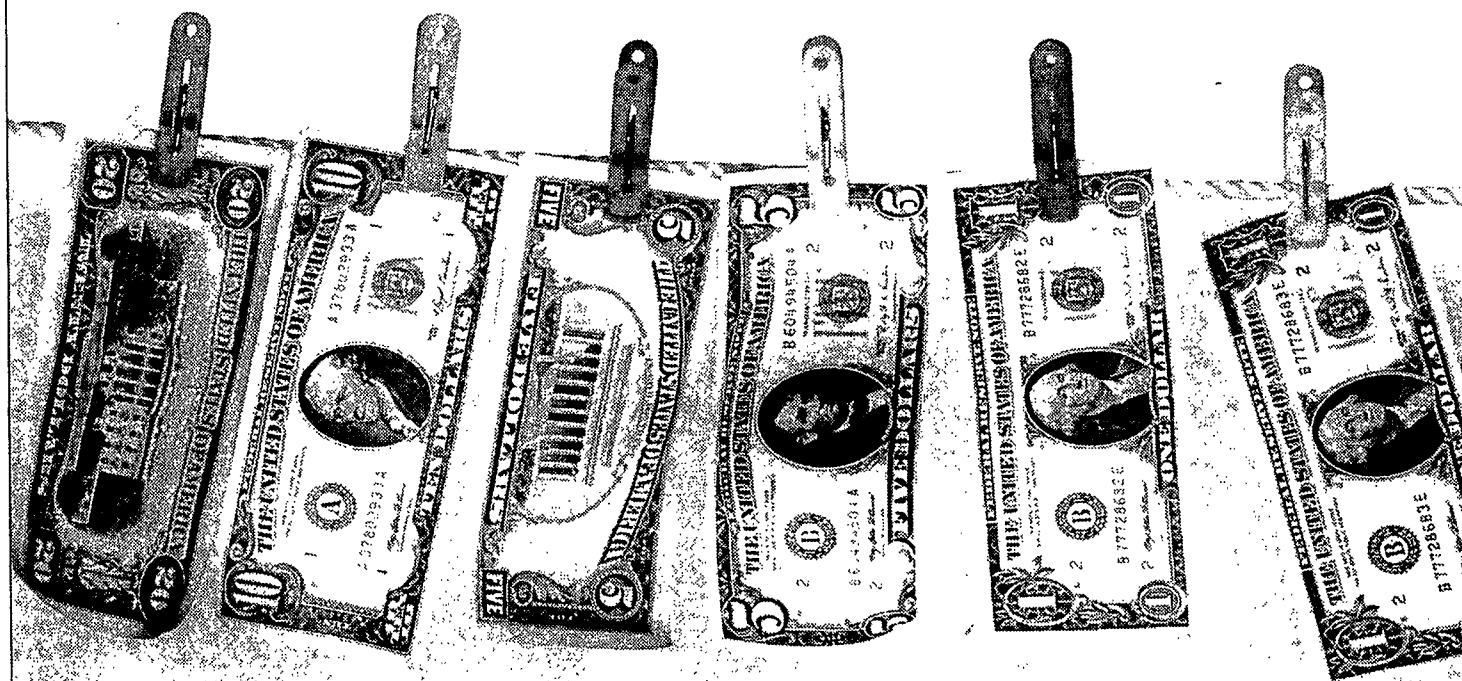
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# Proposed range at Stennis Space Center for SpecOps Riverine Force

Department of the Navy is evaluating the possibility of purchasing land located adjacent to National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) John C. Stennis Space Center (SCC) for a special operations riverine and jungle training range.

The Navy filed a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) with the Federal Register Mar. 3. The EIS will evaluate the potential impacts of the Navy's plan to purchase approximately 5,200 acres of privately owned property located within SCC's north-west acoustic buffer zone and use it as a riverine and jungle live-fire training range.

The proposed live-fire training range, tentatively named the Western Maneuver Area (WMA), would be managed and operated by Special Boat Team 22. SBT-22, also located at SCC, is the only Department of Defense command responsible for conducting special operations in riverine environments.

The criteria for selecting the proposed area are based upon real-world missions that SEALs (SEA, Air, Land), SWCC (Special Warfare Combatant-Craft Crewman) and other special operations forces will be called upon to execute. The criteria include geomorphology, location, range size, possible development encroachment, and the accomplishment of training to meet real-world riverine special operations.

Users of this proposed live-fire range would shoot only short-range training ammunition (SRTA) or blanks up to .50 caliber. SRTA is a plastic bullet with a limited 700-meter flight profile. A safety perimeter would be established around training locations when SRTA ammunition is used.

SBT-22 has trained in and around the vicinity of the Pearl and Mikes Rivers, located within the WMA, for nearly 30 years. SBT-22's unique missions require

realistic training conditions, which includes similar terrain and waterways and live-fire exercises prior to deployment to hostile areas.

"This area contains some of the finest riverine training areas in the world and complements the world-class facilities already established at SCC," said Cmdr. (SEAL) Patrick Butler, commanding officer of SBT-22. "The proposed range would eliminate extensive travel time and significantly enhance the realism and effectiveness of our training."

To date, live-fire training requirements have been met by scheduling training cycles at Poll Knox, Ky., on a river that runs through an artillery impact area. There are numerous drawbacks to this location that could be remedied by a dedicated SBT-22 live-fire training range located in SCC north-west acoustic buffer zone.

SBT-22 units will still have to travel to Fort Knox to conduct live-fire lead ammunition training missions during the final stage of their training. The Fort Knox range does meet many of the Navy's requirements, but it comes at a demonstrated higher cost.

"Using the Fort Knox facility is more expensive in terms of time and money, and we have less access since we are not primary users. Creating a live-fire range at SCC allows us greater access, flexibility, and realistic training, and also reduces the deployment strain on our people since they can train closer to home," said SBT-22 Command Master Chief, Master Chief Engineman (SEAL) Kenneth Kopsco. Kopsco has been at SBT-22 for more than three years.

The Navy's crawl, walk, run training philosophy conditions personnel to combat by using blank-fire, SRTA, and live (lead) rounds in stages. The WMA is proposed for both the blank and SRTA ammunition which will accomplish two-thirds of the training needed to teach personnel how to respond appropriately to adverse, real world sit-

uations. Ft. Knox will continue to be used for the 'run' or final combat preparation where lead ammunition is used.

"This proposed range would provide live-fire training in a realistic environment in which SBT-22 will be the priority customer," said Butler. "The proposed live-fire, training range is the minimum land required to ensure public safety during live-fire training exercises and required training guidelines."

"Typical training includes riverine patrol and interdiction, insertion and extraction of SEALs in riverine environments, craft concealment and evasion tactics, and surveillance of enemy-held rivers and waterways," said Kopsco. "Live-fire training is an invaluable part of our training that ultimately saves lives."

This, EIS will evaluate the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative effects this action might pose on the physical, biological, and socio-economic environments. These areas include existing land use and ownership, threatened and endangered species, water resources, noise and air quality; non-military land uses and access, cultural resources, transportation and waterway navigation, water and land contaminants.

"During the EIS process, federal, state and local agencies and interested persons are encouraged to provide any concerns and feedback, and even other alternatives to the proposed range," said Bob Esenwein, Vice President of Turner, Collier and Braden Inc. (TCB) said. TCB has been hired by the Navy to help with the EIS process.

The public will have its first opportunity to learn about the proposed project, ask questions and provide feedback at two public scoping meetings scheduled. They will be held March 18 at Hancock County High School from 4-7 p.m. and March 20 from 4-7 p.m. at Slidell City Auditorium, in Slidell, La.


Interested persons who cannot attend either public meeting can contact the Navy by phone or in writing. Written comments must be postmarked by April 21, 2003, and should be mailed to: Special Warfare Training Range EIS, c/o Commanding Officer, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, P.O. Box 190010, North Charleston, South Carolina 29419-9010, Attn: Code ES12/RD (Richard A. Davis), telephone (843) 820-5589, facsimile (843) 820-7472, e-mail: DavisRA@efdsouth.navy.mil

In order to address all relevant issues from interested persons in the draft EIS adequately, scoping comments must be received or postmarked by April 21, 2003.

Once the draft EIS is developed and distributed, the public will have another opportunity to submit comments and concerns, and to meet with Navy officials during a public hearing to be scheduled in August or September. After the public hearing, a final EIS will be submitted and the Navy will make a decision to take action on the proposed range, seek other alternatives, or do nothing.

"We are currently looking at how the proposed range will affect the recreational use and economic impact to those who own the land," said Esenwein. Currently, the land located in the WMA is privately owned and primarily used for recreation hunting and fishing. Some landowners in the northern part of the proposed training range use the land for mining.

"Keeping public safety and the safety of SBT-22 personnel in mind, we will evaluate the possibilities of public and private use when live-fire training missions aren't being conducted," said Butler. "We want this to be a win-win for everyone. That's why the public's input is important to the process. We intend to do our best to be good stewards of both the environment and the taxpayers' dollars."



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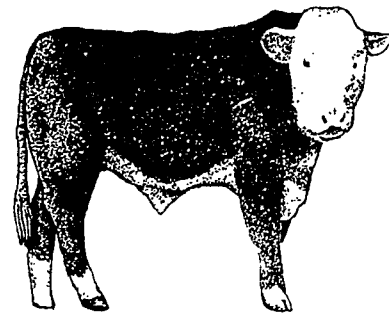
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## Captain Terry McPherson to Retire March 19

The U. S. Navy announced last week Captain Terry R. McPherson is retiring as chief of staff of the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command after nearly 26 years of naval service.

The ceremony will be held March 19 at the command's headquarters located at Stennis Space Center.

McPherson, a native of Dallas, Texas, graduated in May 1975 from San Jose State University with a bachelor's degree in meteorology. He received his commission into the U.S. Navy through Officer Candidate School in April 1976 and later earned a master's degree in oceanography and meteorology from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif.

Before assuming his current job in 2001, he served as commanding officer at the Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Center/Joint Typhoon Warning Center, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

He previously served for three years as the executive officer at the Naval Oceanographic

Office at Stennis Space Center.

Other recent tours of duty included: fleet meteorology and oceanography officer, Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces Europe; head of fleet applications department at Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center, Monterey, Calif.; oceanographer with additional duty to Commander, Carrier Group One, USS RANGER; project officer for antisubmarine warfare environmental acoustic support and operations officer at Naval Ocean Research and Development Activity, Stennis Space Center, staff oceanographer to Commander, Naval Forces, Southern Region, Naples, Italy.

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with three gold stars, Joint Commendation Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal and other service and deployment-related ribbons.

He was recently inducted as a top executive into the 2002 Edition of International Who's Who of Public Service.

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## Career and Technical Education Week



The Hancock County Vocational Technical Center celebrated Career and Technical Education Week Feb. 9-15 with the theme "Career Tech: Working on Your Future." Early in the week the Tangipahoa Parish School Board from Louisiana visited the Vo-Tech Center to learn more about its course offerings in auto mechanics, building trades, business technology, child care, cooperative education diversified technology, drafting, food service, health occupations, lodging and hospitality, metal trades, and welding. During the week, cooperative education instructor Sandra Cole put up career displays throughout the center and students came dressed as workers from those previously listed 12 vocational service areas.

## Job Corps gives students second shot at diploma

Thanks to co-enrollment partnerships with local public school systems, the Job Corps program is giving its Mississippi students a second chance at a high school diploma.

Through co-enrollment, Job Corps students who are a few credits short of their diplomas may attend classes at partnering high schools and adult schools. In return, eligible students from partner schools may tap into the vocational training programs at the Job Corps center and earn elective credits.

Co-enrollment partnerships can save public schools thousands of dollars in vocational training costs. At the same time they benefit Mississippi Job Corps students, who may now graduate from the program with a marketable skill and a high school diploma.

"It's a win-win situation for Job Corps and the schools," said Job Corps Region III Director Don Scott, who manages the federal program in the Southeast. "We share the same goals and serve the same students. Together we have the opportunity, if not the obligation, to raise educational standards and increase career opportunities for our youth."

Batesville Job Corps Center is providing more opportunities for its students through new co-enrollment partnerships with Quitman

County and DeSoto County schools. Batesville JCC reached an agreement with both counties before the current school year, and the first Batesville JCC students were officially co-enrolled in September.

Gulfport Job Corps Center has a similar arrangement with the City of Gulfport schools. Their co-enrollment partnership was established in January 2001.

Mississippi Job Corps Center, located in Crystal Springs, has co-enrollment partnerships with the Copiah County School District, Hazlehurst City Schools and the New Summit School in Jackson.

Mississippi JCC has partnered with local schools since 1987 and offered co-enrollment since 1998, but more students are taking advantage of the opportunity than ever before. Last year, Mississippi JCC produced 171 high school graduates - a single-year record total for any Job Corps center in the Southeast.

Established in 1964, Job Corps is the nation's largest and most effective job-training program, serving 70,000 participants each year. Investigators from Mathematica Policy Research Inc., a nonpartisan research group - based in Princeton, N.J., Washington, D.C., and Cambridge, Mass., recently concluded that for every dollar spent on Job

Corps, its participants return \$2.02 in terms of increased output, reduced use of other programs and services, and reduced crime. To view the report, visit [www.mathematica-mpr.com](http://www.mathematica-mpr.com).

There are 118 Job Corps centers nationwide, including 19 in Southeast-based Region III. For more information, call (800)-733-JOBS or visit the Job Corps Region III Web site at [www.jobcorps-region3.com](http://www.jobcorps-region3.com).

## Hancock farmers still eligible for disaster loans

Emergency loans for farmers, ranchers, and operators are available through the Pearl River/Hancock County Office of the Farm Service Agency, Jackie D. Williams, FSA Farm Loan Manager, said today.

Mr. Williams said this authority is pursuant to Secretary Veneman's declaration on Feb. 13, 2003, of a major disaster in Mississippi, caused by Tropical Storm Isidore, Hurricane Lili, excessive rain, flooding, and damaging winds that occurred from Sept. 26, 2002, and continuing. As a result of this disaster, Hancock County as a primary county in Mississippi is named as an area eligible for Federal Disaster assistance pursuant to Section 321 (a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act.

Applications for assistance in the disaster-stricken county will be accepted by FSA through Oct. 14, 2003.

Farmers qualifying for emergency loans may borrow up to 100 percent of their actual production loss or the amount needed to restore their operation to its pre-disaster condition, whichever is less. The new emergency loan and outstanding principal bal-

ance of any existing emergency loan owed by the applicant or any individual member of an entity cannot exceed \$500,000.

FSA emergency loans cover losses from designated disasters and are made to qualified farmers who cannot obtain credit from other lenders in the local area.

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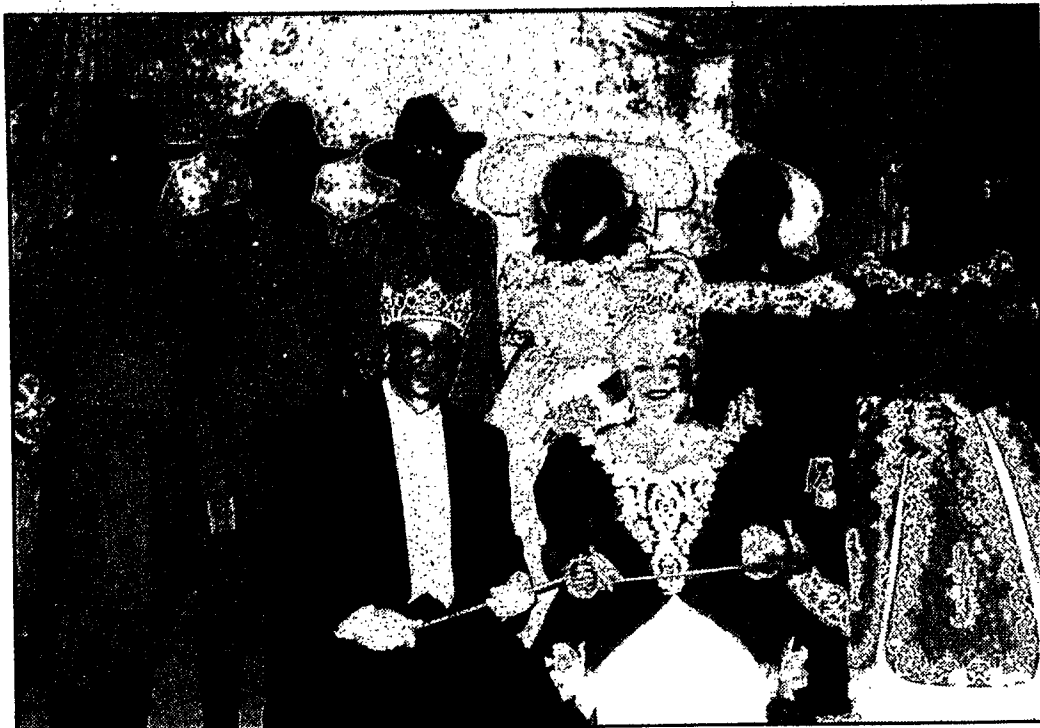
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The Krewe of Kamehameha (Diamondhead Boaters) Royal Court.

## Diamondhead Boaters Association presents Carnival Ball 2003

### THE SEA COAST ECHO

The Krewe of Kamehameha presented its Carnival Ball on February 15, 2003 at the Diamondhead Country Club. Master of Ceremonies, Chip Marz, welcomed members and guests. The theme of the ball was "Southern Nights." Guest entered the Ballroom under a canopy of magnolias with twinkling lights throughout.

The color scheme of peach and white were carried throughout the room as well as the beautiful centerpieces of magnolias, roses, baby's breath and pillar candles. The stage was generously decorated in magnolias, complete with mini-gazebo and white picket fence reminiscent of a spacious veranda on a Southern Plantation.

Before the festivities began, the Queens family were introduced; daughter Beth Lee and husband David, and grandchildren Danielle and Joshua, who attended the capes.

The Royal Court, consisting of Sharon and Jack Capdau, Pat and Fred Brandenburg and Betty and Bill Melton entered the Ballroom to a special selection of southern music. The ladies were beautifully attired in one of a kind antebellum gowns and the men were dressed as officers of the Confederacy.

As the loyal subjects rose, King Akua

Kai XXIX Jim Frisina and his stunning Queen Marcia Frisina entered the room to the music of "Gone with the Wind." The Queen reigned supreme in a gown of purple moray taffeta with white appliqued bodice.

Bows on shoulders and arms; dress split open in front with jeweled lace to the floor. Magnolias were scattered on the front and back of gown. King Jim was resplendent in morning suit with white ruffled jabot. Gold and silver collars and capes complimented their costumes. After King Jim read his proclamation, he and his queen shared their first dance to the tune "And I Love Her So".

Past Royalty were then asked to Proceed to the dance floor. After a gourmet meal, entertainment was provided by our Diamondhead Boaters. Special guests were Glen Campbell, Joan Baez, Al Jolson, and Elvis and their back up singers. The band "Witness" had the revelers jumping.

Big Thanks You's to our Co-Chairs Shirley and CB Blanchflower, MC - Chip Marz, Decorations - Yvonne Luck and her Krewe, Entertainment - Larry Smith and his Krewe, Lighting - Bob Marshall, Reservations and Seating - Rochelle Buchanan.... and we danced the night away.

## Little Lake dredging complete

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission's long awaited dredging project at Little Lake was completed by the March 15 deadline. Dredging was completed on Thursday, said deputy director Greg Deakle, leaving only follow-up hydrographic surveys to be completed. The project got underway immediately after a court ruling on January 17 cleared the way for the dredging.

The county should not have to dredge again for many years, however, attorneys involved, Alan Moore and Rick Curry of McGlinchey Stafford, advised Commissioners this week to meet with some of the environmental groups involved in the suit, to establish a dialogue that they say may help prevent unseen conflict in the event of future dredging projects.

Director of Hancock County Port and Harbor Hal Walters said he would like to see the port added to the Corps of Engineers' list for regular routine maintenance. The addition to the list would still require a permitting process for any future projects, Walters said.

The project was held up for years by protest from environmental groups and a lawsuit initiated by the Tulane Law Clinic. The process was further complicated by the sheer volume of the state and federal agencies involved in the permitting process. Because Little

Lake is located in Louisiana, agencies in both states were involved.

Concerns cited in the suit were that the dredging would stir up mercury, long buried in the soil, contaminating the water. Another concern was for the safety of a group of fish, the Gulf Sturgeon, who use the area for a nursery.

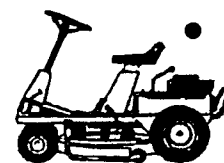
It was found, Moore said, that the concern over the

mercury poisoning did not constitute a standard of concern. However, some areas were dredged to a deeper point and refilled with clean fill to address any concerns.

To address the concern over the Gulf Sturgeon, the Commission agreed to dredge only during a time period from November to March 15 to avoid interfering with Sturgeon breeding season.

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## NOTICE

The Hancock County Solid Waste Authority will conduct a recessed meeting to be held at 4:00 PM local time on Monday, March 24, 2003. This meeting will be held at the Depot in Bay Saint Louis, located at 1926 Depot Way.

## WAVELAND

John Thomas Longo, Mayor

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CITY OF WAVELAND

Please take notice that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, have rescheduled their regular meeting of Wednesday, March 19, 2003 to be combined with their scheduled workshop on Monday 6 p.m., March 17, 2003 at the City of Waveland Municipal Court Facility, 628 Hwy 90, Waveland, MS.

Lisa B. Planchard  
City Secretary

## Fitness -- Pass F.D.

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Currently, the city requires only an entry-level physical examination and an immunization program. The new program will be included in the city's requirements for firefighters and will require them to pass the CPAC test, which is part of the firefighter academy mandated by Mississippi law.

The city proposes this formal program will "reduce the potential of physical injury due to exhaustion and enhance the firefighter's endurance."

Pass Christian also claims "firefighters that are physically fit are less likely to suffer on-the-job injury or cardiac related problems when performing emergency services under extreme conditions."

J.E. Loiacano, who owns Loiacano's Health Club in Bay St. Louis, will serve as the consultant. Loiacano has several years of physical fitness experience and has a master's degree in physical education from William Carey College in Hattiesburg and a bachelor's degree in physical education from Mississippi State University in Starkville.

According to his contract with the city, Loiacano's fee will not exceed \$7,980. His duties will include "assisting the city in developing bid specifications for equipment; evaluating bids received to specifications; setting up wellness and fitness site(s); setting up public safety wellness, fitness and injury prevention program policy; and meeting with firefighters to develop a personal training program and meet individually with

firefighters at least quarterly to assess their training goals."

His contract will coincide with the grant, which will run through December 2003.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance to Firefighters Grant will provide \$84,333 of the program's budget while the city adds \$9,370. This brings the program's total budget to \$93,703, which also includes new firefighting equipment.

The budget has been broken down into following components: firefighting equipment — \$21,244, personal protection — \$26,325, wellness/fitness — \$46,134.

• Firefighting equipment — The city plans to purchase one thermal imaging device, which is used to identify fire victims (including downed firefighters and hot spots through dense smoke; a fire hose tester, which is safer for firefighters and reduces the wear and tear on fire trucks

• Personal protective equipment — The implementation of an integrated PASS Device system will allow the department to address NFPA 1982 Standard on Personal Alert Safety Systems. The integrated PASS System will enhance the ability of the firefighters to communicate within a fire situation. This system allows continuous communication, including communication from the command center. If an officer is unable to communicate through injury or distress, the PASS Device is activated and can be used to track the officer.

• Wellness/fitness — The

city will purchase weights and other fitness-related equipment. The consultant's fee has also been factored into this part of the budget.

"It's great for a small department like this to get much-needed equipment that the city could otherwise not purchase," said Fire Chief Richard Marvil. "When you get good equipment and train your personnel, the community benefits."

Marvil said the firefighters all like the idea of getting equipment that larger departments commonly have.

"They're like kids at Christmas time," he said.

As for the fitness program, Marvil said there are some mixed feelings but most of his officers are in favor of it.

"They know they have to get in shape," Marvil said. "The No. 1 killer of firefighters is heart attack."

Currently, Marvil is waiting on bids for the fitness equipment before the training begins. He said the grant money must be spent by September.

## March is Drug/Alcohol Awareness Month

March is PTA Drug and Alcohol Awareness Month. Parents and teachers who don't abuse alcohol, tobacco and other drugs set healthy examples for kids. Gulf Coast Mental Health Center would like to thank parents and teachers for helping kids to grow up healthy, happy and safe.

## H.C. Little League to host open house

### THE SEA COAST ECHO

Hancock County Little League Girls Fastpitch Softball at Lakeshore Field will host an open house at the field located next to Gulfview Elementary School on Saturday March 22 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

All registered players and their families, or anyone interested in playing, coaching or umpiring, are invited to tour the facilities, meet the staff and learn more about the International Little League organization.

Complimentary hot dogs and soft drinks will be served and there will be softball activities available for the children. This will also be the deadline to submit volunteer applications for adult coaches and umpires as the league prepares for the draft, which will be held on Saturday April 5th.

For more information call Herb at 467-1291.

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## Pollution -- local rankings

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Release Inventory (TRI). The list for required reporting changes yearly. In 2000, dioxins were added to the list. Dioxins releases must be reported in quantities over .1 gram. As it turns out, one of the largest releases of dioxins in the United States was in Harrison County. All figures are for 2000, the latest listed reporting year, and reflect only releases the companies themselves reported to the TRI.

A press release from Scorecard, the website for Environmental Defense, indicates that according to figures reported to the TRI, Mississippi tops all 50 states in terms of total environmental releases for dioxin compounds; with Harrison County receiving almost half of the total reported releases for the entire US, all due to land disposal at a single facility, the DuPont DeLisle Plant.

DuPont also tops the list in Harrison County as number one for total reported releases, some 14,799,029 pounds of releases each year.

Scorecard lists the facility in the top 10 percent of the worst/dirtiest facilities in the US, with the top health effects for the releases from the facility listed as suspected toxicants causing cancer and gastrointestinal, liver, developmental, respiratory, immune system, kidney, musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, blood, neurological, skin, sense organ and reproductive problems. Dioxins themselves are thought to interfere with the endocrine system, the body's regulating system (Birnbaum 1994, EPA 1994a).

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality's Office of Pollution Control head Phil Bass said the department is concerned over the 2000 findings and is in the midst of discussions with DuPont DeLisle. Though the facility was only recently required to report releases to the TRI, Bass said, it had not been previously reported to the DEQ that dioxin was created in the manufacturing process. Dioxins are passed on to humans most commonly through food sources, Bass said, and currently biologists are collecting area fish for testing.

Donald Dees, public information officer for the DeLisle plant, said in a press release last week that 99.9 percent of the dioxin releases produced are contained in solid waste disposal units at the plant site and do not come into contact with humans or water sources; and 85 percent of emissions reported are deposited in deepwells that do not come into contact with groundwater or humans. Emissions at the plant are down by 75 percent since 1987, the first reporting year, Dees said, with air emissions down 67 percent and water emissions down 99 percent, with the plant looking for new ways to ensure that activities do not exceed the capacity of the ecological system to assimilate waste and emissions.

A multi-million dollar suit alleging ill health

effects as a result of toxic waste releases from the plant has been filed.

Listed second in reported releases in Harrison County by Scorecard is a facility whose product we all use, Mississippi Power Co. Watson Plant, with 10,946,337 pounds of reported releases. Scorecard lists the facility in the top 10 percent of the worst/dirtiest facilities in the US, with top health effects for releases from the facility listed as suspected toxicants causing cancer, gastrointestinal, liver, musculoskeletal, reproductive, developmental, neurological, respiratory, skin, sense organ, cardiovascular and blood problems.

External Communications Manager Kurt Brautigam said that most of the plants emissions are a result of burning coal to produce electricity. The main by-products are sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide, and "fine particulate." The company has decreased overall emissions since 1990 by 42 percent, said Brautigam, while user load has gone up by 83 percent.

2001 reported figures of emissions, 3,984,106 pounds - much lower - are a result of the grade of coal available during the reporting period. The chemical composition of the coal is largely responsible for the quality of emissions, he said, and not always controllable as the company must use what is available. The emissions combine with hydrogen in the air and leave the stacks in minute quantities which dissipate in the air, he said, and do not pose a health threat.

The company is committed to providing service as environmentally and as economically as possible, Brautigam said. In a Jackson County facility, the company burns natural gas, which burns much cleaner, to generate power.

Scorecard reports Harrison County to be in the top 10 percent of the worst/dirtiest counties in the US in terms of environmental releases. Hancock County, on the other hand, is ranked in the lower 40 percent in terms of environmental releases.

In Hancock County, Wellman of Mississippi Inc. tops Scorecard's list for total environmental releases, with 68,353 pounds of reported releases to the air. Off-site transfers account for additional releases. Scorecard lists the facility in the top 30 percent of the worst/dirtiest facilities in the US and in the top 20 percent of air releases of recognized carcinogens. Top health effects for releases from the facility are listed as recognized carcinogens and suspected toxicants causing developmental, kidney, gastrointestinal, liver, neurological, reproductive, respiratory, skin, sense organ, blood, and cardiovascular problems.

Plant manager Pete Woody said that waste transferred off-site is sent to a publicly-owned treatment works located behind the railroad facility at Port Bienville, which is owned and operated by the Port and Harbor Commission

through the county. Waste treated there, Woody said, goes through an aerobic process before being released to waterways. The process destroys 98 percent of the toxic materials, he said, turning it in to carbon dioxide, oxygen, and water. The plant reports very conservatively, Woody said, on the high side, and releases may actually be less than reported.

Second on Scorecard's list for environmental releases in the county is GE Plastics with 15,070 pounds of reported releases, all but 30 pounds to the air. Scorecard ranks the facility in the lower 50 percent of dirtiest/worst facilities in the US. Top health effects for releases from the facility are listed as recognized and suspected carcinogens, and suspected toxicants causing respiratory, cardiovascular, blood, kidney, gastrointestinal, liver, neurological, skin, sense organ, endocrine, and reproductive problems.

Human Resources manager Jim Enloe said the plant is in compliance with state and local regulations regarding the environment and voluntarily reduced emissions by 29 percent from 1999 to 2001. The company has invested \$4 million in environmental, health, and safety projects in four years. The local plant site is an OSHA VPP Star site and has been certified to international standards for environmental management systems. The plant continues to look for new ways to improve environmental quality, Enloe said.

Industry is only one source of potential pollution in our community. Scorecard lists the largest cancer risk in both counties to be from mobile sources such as cars, trucks, and airplanes. Individuals can do a lot in promoting a cleaner environment. Toxins used in the home or local business, even small business, all eventually reach our environment.

Another source of pollution is wastewater. DEQ's Glen Odom said that in the past 30 years, both counties have come a long way in improving this sort of pollution to waterways. The systems in Hancock county are some of the best in the state, Odom said. At present, both Harrison and Hancock County release all treated wastewater to area waterways. Hancock county does have preliminary plans to change from water releases to land applications in which treated wastewater

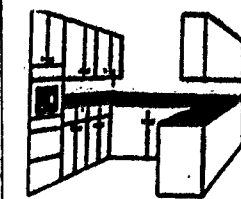
would be used for such purposes such as to irrigate timber stands or golf courses.

Rapid growth and remaining unsewered areas are the main threat of this type to the environment of area waterways at present, Odom said.

There are many ways to get involved in improving the local environment. For more information, contact local environmental groups such as the Mississippi Environmental Recovery Alliance or take advantage of the vast amount of information on the web. Scorecard may be accessed at scorecard.org. Earth Day sites may be accessed at earthday.net or earthsite.org.

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## Invaders

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who said she was lost and wanted to use his telephone. While she was on the phone, two accomplices forced entry into the Galere residence demanding money.

"Both invaders were armed with hand guns and wore ski masks. Mr. Lewis was struck several times on the side of his face by the butt of a pistol by one suspect - both were screaming for money and (asking) where was it located," Fizer said.

Lewis had a female guest at his home, who was not harmed, Fizer said, and deputies responding to the call were told a bag contain-

ing four hundred dollars in change and two hundred dollars in bills were taken from the residence.

Fizer said the case is still under investigation.

Officers responding to the call included Lt. Tim Broder, Deputy Jason Chandler and two reserve deputies.

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## Obituaries

**WENDY BRACKETT  
MARION BURCH  
ROSE ERICHSEN  
WILLIE GAY  
BETT MUSSER**

**WENDY BRACKETT**  
Wendy Trapp Brackett, of Kiln, MS., died Friday, March 14, 2003, in Kiln. Services are pending at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS.

**MARION BURCH**  
Marion Burch, 69, of Bay St. Louis, MS, died Friday, March 14, 2003 in Gulfport, MS.

Services are pending at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

**ROSE ERICHSEN**  
Rose Erichsen, 93, died Saturday, March 8, 2003 in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Erichsen a homemaker, was a native of New York and a resident of Waveland since 1982. A Baptist and member of

Shoreline Park Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman Erichsen; her parents, Louis and Margaret Farber; brothers, William Farber and Louis Farber; a granddaughter, Elizabeth Erichsen.

Survivors include sons, Robert L. Erichsen of Waveland, MS.; Herman W. Erichsen of Holliston, MA.; Richard J. Erichsen of Forest Hill, CA., 10 grandchildren and 17 Great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held Wednesday, March 19, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at Shoreline Park Baptist Church in Waveland, MS.

The family prefers donations to Shoreline Park Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 2667, Bay St. Louis, Ms. 39521

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

**WILLIE GAY**  
Willie Gay, 66, of Pearlinton, MS., died Friday, March 14, 2003, in Pearlinton.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

**BETT MUSSER**  
Bett Musser, 59, died Wednesday, March 12, 2003 in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Musser was a native of Buffalo, N.Y., and a resident of Toledo, Ohio, for 45 years before moving to Bay St. Louis 12 years ago. She graduated from Whitmer High School in Toledo. She was a Baptist and a member of Shoreline Park Baptist Church.

A woman that whomever she touched opened the clouds and let the sunshine come in.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Gelia; a brother, Edward Gelia; and her stepfather, A. Bennett Taylor.

Survivors include her first husband, Bob Luck Sr. of Bay St. Louis; her husband, Ken Musser of Bay St. Louis; her mother, Lucy Taylor of Toledo, Ohio; three sons, Robert Luck Jr. and his wife, Lori of Bay St. Louis, Tim Luck and his wife, Christi of Toledo, Ohio, and Scott Luck of Toledo, Ohio; two brothers, Lewis Gelia and his wife, Rita of Tucson, Ariz., and Patsy Bilow of Concord, Mich.; a sister, Carol Roscoe and her husband, Rock of Toledo, Ohio; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers memorials to the Diabetes Association of MS, Inc., 16 Northtown Drive, Suite 100, Jackson, MS 39211.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

## Military Mention

**SCOTT J. ESHER**  
Navy Lt. j. g. Scott J. Esher, son of Kathie A. Esher, of 105 Whispering Pines Drive, Waveland, is currently on his sixth month of deployment to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton, home ported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Esher is one of more than 8,000 Pacific Fleet Sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Battle Group. The battle group is currently on the longest deployment since the war on terrorism began.

Esher's ship has made port visits to Thailand and Freemantle Australia. The crew had the opportunity to shop, sightsee and enjoy the local culture and cuisine.

Esher's ship is one of the most powerful warships ever put to sea. The computer-based AEGIS weapons system is the heart of the ship's warfighting capability. It centers around a powerful radar that enables the crew to detect, track and fire on more than 100 targets at a time.

Esher is a 1996 graduate of St. Stanislaus High School of Bay St. Louis, and joined the Navy in May 2000

**BLAKE I. GARLAND**  
Navy Seaman Blake I.

Garland, son of Caroline Garland of Bay St. Louis, Miss., recently departed to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS O'Kane, homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Garland's ship deploys as the United States is repositioning some of its military forces to prepare for and support the President's campaign against terrorism and to support efforts to identify, locate and hold accountable terrorists and those who support and harbor them.

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For more information about the ship, visit <http://www.okane.navy.mil>.

**JAMES J. SELLIER**  
Marine Corps Lance Cpl. James J. Sellier, son of Melba and James J. Sellier of Pass Christian, Miss., recently reported for duty with Inspector and Instructor Staff, 4th Amphibious Assault Battalion, Gulfport, Miss.

Sellier is a 1999 graduate of St. John Catholic High School of Gulfport, Miss. and joined the Marine

Corps in May 2001.

**KERRY R. HUDSON**  
Marine Corps Sgt. Kerry R. Hudson, son of Kim S. Toney of Long Beach, Miss. and Terry R. Hudson of Pass Christian, Miss., recently reported for duty with Inspector and Instructor Staff, 4th Amphibious Assault Battalion, Gulfport, Miss.

Hudson joined the Marine Corps in October 1997.

**RONALD S. LADNER**  
Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Ronald S. Ladner, son of Sandra S. and Ronald S. Ladner of Kiln, Miss., recently reported for duty with Inspector and Instructor Staff, 4th Amphibious Assault Battalion, Gulfport, Miss.

Ladner joined the Marine Corps in May 1999.

**GENEVA M. RAPALO**  
Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Geneva M. Rapalo, daughter of Tammie D. Nickles of Diamondhead, MS, and Virgil G. Singleton of Boothville, La., recently received a Letter of Appreciation while assigned with Marine Air Control Squadron Seven, Marine Air Control Group 38, Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Ariz.

Rapalo was recognized for her superior performance of duty. Displaying remarkable dedication and initiative, Rapalo consistently performed her

demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner.

Rapalo is a 2002 graduate of Hancock High School of Kiln, MS, and joined the Marine Corps in June 2001.

**OTTIS W. STEWART**  
Navy Seaman Recruit Ottis W. Stewart, son of Baxter F. Watson of Bay St. Louis and Ottis W. Stewart, Sr. of 430 N. Ericson St., Cordova, Tenn., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Stewart completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis is also placed on physical fitness.

Stewart and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values -- honor, courage and commitment -- and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct.

Men and women train together from their first day in the Navy just as they do aboard ships and at shore commands around the world. To reinforce the team concept, Stewart and other recruits also were trained in preventing sexual harassment and ensuring equal opportunity.

## Diamondhead United Methodist Church to host Kristian Booth in concert

Diamondhead United Methodist Church will host

**Card of Thanks**

The family of Thelma Kingston would like to thank Dunbar Village, Odyssey Healthcare, Fr. Noel Fannon, Fr. Michael Tracey, Our Lady of the Gulf Church Rabbonie Group, Hancock Medical Center, Dr. Irene Koskan, Dr. Charles Kergosien, Edmond Fahey Funeral Home and all our friends and relatives that were so kind and helpful to our mother and grandmother during her lengthy illness; as well as their sympathy extended to us during our time of bereavement.

The Thelma Kingston Family

a concert by Kristian Booth on Saturday, March 22 nd , at 6:30 p.m.

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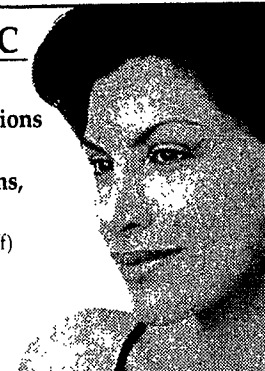
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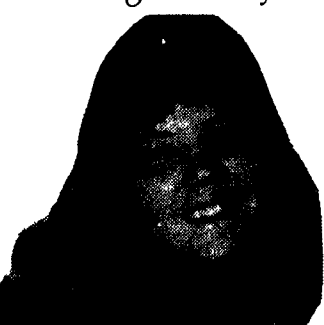
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# BUSINESS NEWS



## Grand opening

Beads R Us, 131 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, celebrated its grand opening and open house with a ribbon cutting recently. In attendance were John Baxter, Joann Thomas, Alice Masson, Kristen Meehan, Gayle Arnold, Jane Brown, Bill Brown, Agnes Lynn, Frances Graves, Ronnie Bonck, Rev. Rick Brooks, Rex Gilbert, Tish Williams, Jerry and Hilda Bourg and many other friends and colleagues. The shop is owned by Frances Graves and daughter Jane Brown and features beads and bead supplies and offers classes for bead projects. The new business is open Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, call 467-7018 or 216-9701. (Staff photo by Cecilia Howe)

## USMGC, MTA start certification program for tourism professionals

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast and the Mississippi Tourism Association (MTA) are teaming up to provide a state certification program for tourism professionals.

"The Mississippi Tourism Association is very excited to be partnering with the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast to develop a tourism certification program for Mississippi's tourism professionals," said Kathy Boutwell, executive director of MTA.

The MTA Professional Certification program will be offered to MTA members who have worked professionally in the field. Program attendees will be required to attend a one-day orientation and a three-day on-campus educational session at USM's Gulf Park campus in Long Beach, followed by an examination.

"We started this program to increase our members' knowledge of the tourism industry and to increase

their level of credibility, self-esteem, professionalism and image within the industry," said MTA member Ernie Wilson, associate chair and assistant professor of hospitality management, at USMGC. He will direct the MTA Professional Certification program.

Hospitality management faculty at USMGC will provide the educational training and administer the examination.

The partnership between MTA and USMGC more closely links our hospitality management program with the industry, Wilson said.

The on-site educational seminar will focus on tourism research, planning and development; determining economic impact; tourism marketing; budgeting and business planning; boards and other governing bodies; and funding sources.

Whether you are looking for a new career or looking for advancement in your current position in the tourism industry, the certi-

cation program will provide a full range of practical hospitality courses, Boutwell said. "Tourism is one of Mississippi's largest and fastest growing industries, employing 93,000 people."

The initial announcement of the MTA Professional Certification program was made at the annual Governor's Conference on Tourism, held in January at the Casino Magic in Bay St. Louis.

MTA Professional Certification applications will be processed next fall into January of 2004. The first orientation session is scheduled for January 2004, with the three-day on-campus educational session scheduled for July of that year.

For more information on the MTA Certification Program, contact Wilson at (228) 214-3240.

## Study looks at question of how much income is adequate?

BY BARBARA POWELL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS  
WRITER

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Real-life costs for basic necessities for families exceed state benchmarks used to determine eligibility for public assistance in Mississippi, a new study says.

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Mississippi, funded by the nonprofit Wider Opportunities for Women, says the federal poverty level is woefully inadequate to make a Mississippi family self-sufficient.

The group draws the same conclusion in Mississippi that the Washington, D.C.-based group has drawn in the 32 other states it has studied since 1996: the costs to meet a family's basic needs exceed federal and state benchmarks used to determine eligibility for public assistance.

Moreover, the group says, the federal guidelines don't account for differences in the cost of living between states and even within states; it also fails to account for differences like the cost of caring for an infant vs. a teenager.

"This report gives a realistic picture of what families in Mississippi need to meet their basic costs," said Maureen Golga, organizer of the Self-Sufficiency Project, which has been funded with grants from the Ford Foundation.

The federal poverty level for a family of three is \$15,020.

Across Mississippi's 82 counties, the minimum annual salary needed by a single adult supporting a preschooler and a school age child ranges from \$22,024 in rural Itawamba County to \$26,222 in Hinds County, the state's most urban area.

Looking at the 32 states studied, the cost of living for that same hypothetical family of three would be cheapest in Warren County, N.C., at \$19,385; and the costliest in Arlington County, Va., at \$47,548.

For a family of four, the federal poverty level is \$18,100. In Mississippi, two adults with one preschooler and one school-age child need \$29,548 a year in Itawamba County and \$37,266 in Hinds County.

Warren County, N.C., again is the cheapest area for a family of four, at \$24,793; and Arlington County, Va., is the most expensive, at \$51,916.

The six-month study, conducted by Diana Perch, director of the Center for Women's Welfare at the University of Washington, measured what it costs to meet basic needs. It determined how much different sizes and types of families in each county need to earn to afford housing, food, child care, transportation and health care and taxes without having to depend on public aid.

Only one state, Connecticut, has officially adopted the Self-Sufficiency Standard as a benchmark. But the studies' write and supporters hope they will be used to analyze policies for low-income families. They also hope the conclusions will convince states facing budget crisis from reducing aid programs and work force training initiatives for low-income families.

"We're hoping policy makers will use this tool to make decisions about appro-

priations or funding programs that provide low-income workers with work force support like Medicaid and the Mississippi Children's Health Insurance program," said Ed Siva, senior program officer for the Enterprise Corporation of the Delta, a nonprofit community development group dedicated to improving quality of life for rural families in Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

## Credit union annual meeting

The Gulf Coast Community Federal Credit Union's annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the Orange Grove Community Center in Gulfport.

Annual reports from the \$40 million credit union's 2002 operating year will be provided, including reports from the chairman of the board, president and CEO, and supervisory committee.

Drawings for cash door prizes and mementos for each member in attendance will also be available, as well as special gifts for the first 100 members in attendance.

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# SPORTS

## Lady Cats battle Garden City in first round of NJCAA tournament

POPLARVILLE Pearl River Community College's Region XXIII champion Lady Wildcats will battle Garden City Community College's Lady Bronxbusters in Tuesday's opening round of the women's NJCAA National Championship Tournament set for next week at the Bicentennial Center in Salina, Kan.

The Lady Wildcats, 22-7 overall and seeded 12th in the tournament, earned a berth in the prestigious event for the second time in eight years with last Thursday's 75-66 victory

over Southwest Mississippi for the regional title. The Region VI champion Lady Bronxbusters, 27-5 overall and seeded fifth in the double elimination event, are no strangers to the nationals; having copped berths in 1993, 1995, 1998, and 2001. Pearl River's 1995 Lady Wildcat squad earned a trip to the nationals, held year at Tyler Junior College in Tyler, Tex.

"We've got a huge task ahead of us, but our kids are up for it and ready to go," said third-year PRCC head coach Ed Walley. "Garden

City is pretty stiff competition, but getting up there to the nationals was our goal from the start of the season. We set out to win the regionals and go on to the big dance.

"I couldn't be happier for our kids. I've worked them hard and fussed and fussed at them, but their hard work ethic, teamwork, and determination has wound up paying great dividends," Walley continued. "Now it's on to Kansas to see what we can do up there. It's an honor for our kids and our school just to qualify for

such an event. There's not but 16 teams in the entire nation that get this chance every year."

If PRCC defeats Garden City, it will move to the winners side of the bracket against the winner of the Wabash-North Dakota game Thursday at 4 p.m. A first-round loss by the Lady Wildcats would shove PRCC to the losers side of the bracket against the Wabash-North Dakota loser at 2 p.m. Thursday.

## Pearl River falls to Chipola on road

MARIETTA, Fla. Pearl River's Wildcat baseball team dropped its second game of the 2003 season here Thursday, falling to the nationally-ranked Division I Chipola Indians 13-9 in community college baseball action.

PRCC, ranked 23rd in the NJCAA's Division II poll, fell to 14-2 overall; while the Indians, ranked 10th in the NJCAA's Division I poll, improved to 12-5. The setback marked the second loss by the Wildcats in their last

three games.

East Central handed Pearl River its first loss of the year Saturday, taking an 11-4 decision in the nightcap of a MACJC non-division doubleheader.

Against Chipola, the Wildcats jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but the Indians' Matt Grooms tied it up in the bottom of the frame with a two-run homer.

Chipola added a solo run in the bottom of the third to go up 3-2, then smashed

PRCC with a six-run barrage in the bottom of the sixth to make it 9-2. Pearl River rebounded with five runs in the top of the seventh to cut the Indians' lead to two, but Chipola answered with four more runs in the bottom of the inning to make it 13-7.

The Wildcats scored the game's final two runs in the top of the sixth.

Starter Adam Dunavant (2-1) was the winning pitcher in his six-and-one-thirds innings on the mound, while Ryan Earnest relieved in the seventh and Charles O'Neal and Victor Alvarez both saw relief duty in the eighth with the latter closing it out.

Rhyn Hughes (0-1) of Picayune High was the losing pitcher. The freshman hurled four-and-two-thirds innings before Pete Atwood of Kosciusko and Rhett Shaffette of Picayune High were called to the mound in the fifth. Shaffette pitched one-and-two-thirds innings

before Justin Harris of Poplarville came to the mound in the seventh. Thomas Royals of Lumberton High relieved in the eighth and closed it out.

Pearl River finished with nine hits and two errors. Jeff Middleton of Mobile paced the Wildcats' offensive attack with a double and a single, including four RBIs; while Hughes also doubled and singled. Royals tripled, while Matt Riser of Picayune High, Lee Michael Norris of Oak Grove, Josh Abshier of Baton Rouge, and Garrett Drake of Petal all singled.

Pearl River heads into its 2003 Spring Break with a 2 p.m. non-division twin bill with Meridian today. Onondaga, out of Syracuse, N.Y., visits for three games in the middle of break week with a 4 p.m. doubleheader on Wednesday and a 4 p.m. nine-inning contest on Thursday. East Mississippi visits Saturday, March 22, for a 1 p.m. doubleheader.

## Bay High Tigers off to a 7-1 start in baseball

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II  
STAFF WRITER

The Bay High Tigers have been on fire to start the 2003 season. They have jumped out of the starting gate with a 7-1 record. Senior ace Brandon Strong has signed with the Pearl River Community College Wildcats who are ranked 5th nationally.

On March 11, the Tigers soundly defeated the Gautier Gators in a Division 8 clash. Robbie Pitre had the hot bat belting out four hits in the game while Rudy Lymuel added three singles. Aaron Morris overpowered the Gators on the mound and fanned 11 batters in the game and allowed just two hits.

The win ran Morris' record on the mound to 2-1 and the Tigers have a team record of 7-1 overall and remain undefeated in the division at 4-0 under first-year head coach Mike Weems.

In other area action, the Hancock softball team defeated Picayune 5-0 and Pass Christian 5-4 in the D'Iberville Tournament on March 8.

The Bay High softball crew defeated Pass Christian 3-1 on March 11 with Sarah Favre knocking in three runs on two hits for the Lady Tigers. Brittney Johnson got the win on the mound for the Lady Tigers.

## OLA wins in softball

Our Lady Academy blanked Resurrection 12-0 Monday in varsity softball action. Rachel Cuevas was the winning pitcher or the Crescents. At the plate, Julie Reboul connected for a double and single and scored two runs; Erin Casey had two hits and scored a run; Ashley Mayley was 1-1 and scored three times; Hannah Allen had a double and scored twice and Rachel Cuevas had a hit and also scored twice.

The team is 5-1 on the season and will host Richton

Monday at 5:30 p.m.

In the junior varsity contest, OLA won 10-2. Rebekah Kennedy was the winning pitcher and also went two for two at the plate with a double and a single and one run scored. Jamie Reisch was one for two with two runs scored. Korbi Cameron, Missy Green and Lauren Renz had key hits in the game for the 3-0 Crescents. They will host Richton Monday at 5:30 p.m.

## SSC hits links with win; Hancock rebuilds

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
STAFF WRITER

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws hosted a four-team golf tournament at Pass Christian Isles on Tuesday with Harrison Central, Hancock, and Pass Christian.

The Rocks won the four-team match with a score of 163. Harrison Central placed second with a 166 followed by Hancock 182 and Pass Christian with a 194.

The low medalist was SSC's James Wahl with a 36.

SSC head coach Mark Logan and Rock alum commented, "I thought the first match of the year went very well. Hopefully, our play will continue to improve as we get more tournaments behind us."

The Hancock Hawks are under the guidance of third-year coach and Hancock alum Keene Golding. He stated, "For a rebuilding year, our rookie players performed exceptionally well. Justin Kopf placed second on the team with a 43 in his first tournament experience today."

Golding had the privilege of playing on the very first Hawks' link team back in 1984.

## Kivlan, area players receive soccer awards

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II  
STAFF WRITER

Several area soccer players were named to the Mississippi Association of Coaches All-State soccer team following the completion of the high school season.

St. Stanislaus' Peter Doty was named the Class 4A state player of the year by the MAC for his accomplishments on the field. Doty set a school record for most goals in a career with 111 which is believed to be an unofficial state record. The previous record was set by Brad Cannon in 1996 with 100. Doty signed an athletic scholarship with Boston University during the season.

SSC head coach Andy Kivlan was named the Class 4A state Coach of the Year by the MAC after leading his Rock-a-chaw team to the state title by defeating Pearl 3-1. It was SSC's third state title in soccer and their first in Class 4A.

Other first-team members from SSC were senior goalie Todd Farrar, junior Michael Kivlan, and Beau Brodtmann. The second team members were Patrick Donohoe and Elias Alam.

There were four members of the fourth-time state

champion OLA Crescents chose for the MAC all-state team. Julie Reboul, Kara Harshbarger, and Rachel Cranford were all named to the MAC Class 1A-2A-3A first team. Laura Ellis was named to the second team for OLA.

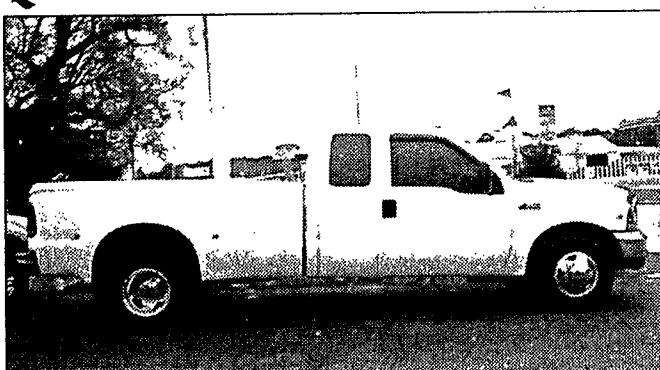
The Crescents won their fourth consecutive state title in soccer in 2003 which is an unprecedented feat in Mississippi soccer history. OLA had the first girls soccer team in the state when they started the sport at the school back in 1990.

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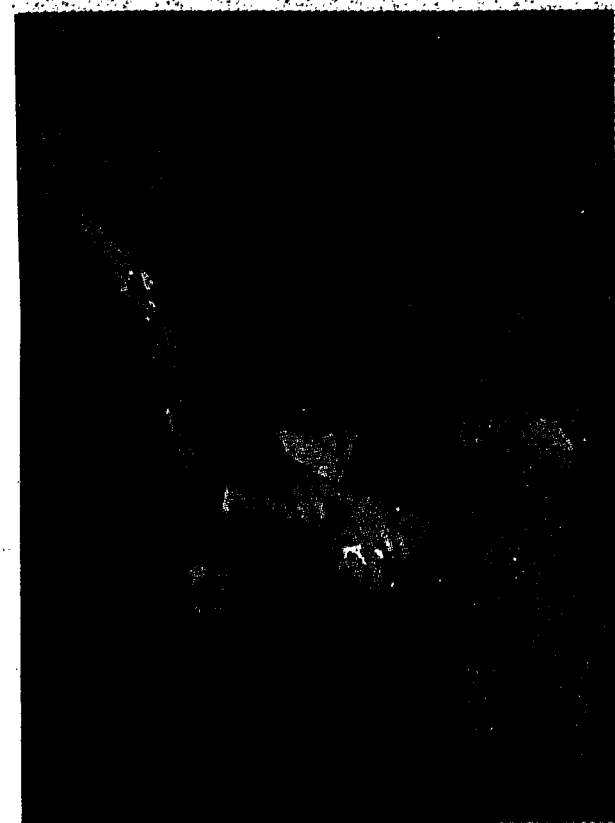
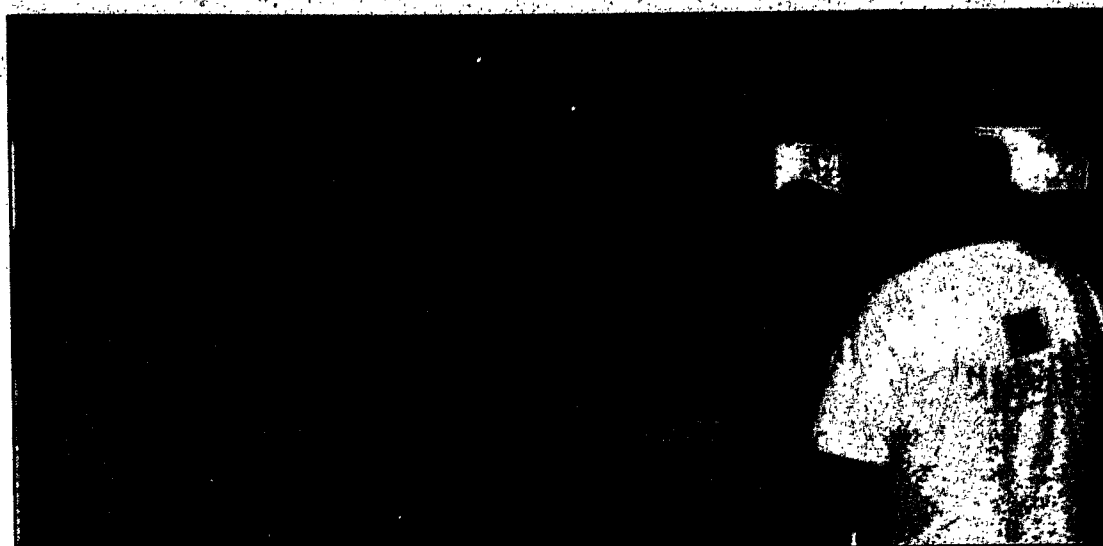
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## Hancock County Democratic Executive Committee meets Monday

The Hancock County Democratic Executive Committee will hold its monthly business meeting on Monday, March 17th at the Bay St. Louis Library. The meeting will begin at 6:30PM with an agenda related to issues important to this year's state-wide and local elections. The Committee encourages state and local candidates as well as the community to consider attending these monthly meetings.

In addition to the regular agenda, the Election Committee will be recommending local candidates for certification to the Hancock County Democratic Executive Committee Board.

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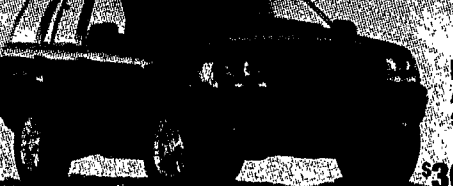


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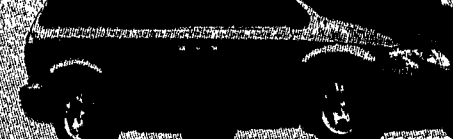


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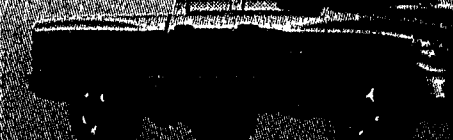


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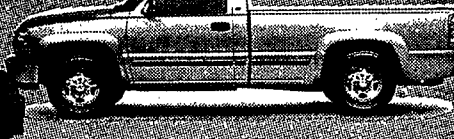
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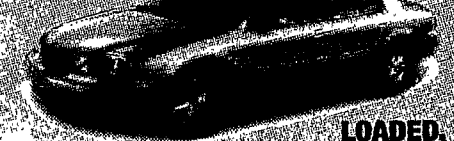
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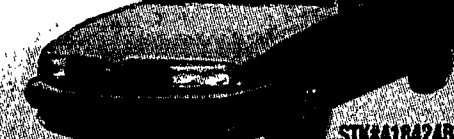
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The Captain of the Krewe of SCOWI



Her Royal Majesty Betty Bearmann  
His Royal Majesty Earl Akin Sr.



The officers, from left: Toxie Hall, the Captain, Elsie Otnott, Helena Coleman, Joan Wilkinson and Kenneth Wilkinson



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Scarlett O'Hara - Helena Coleman and Duke William Marcel



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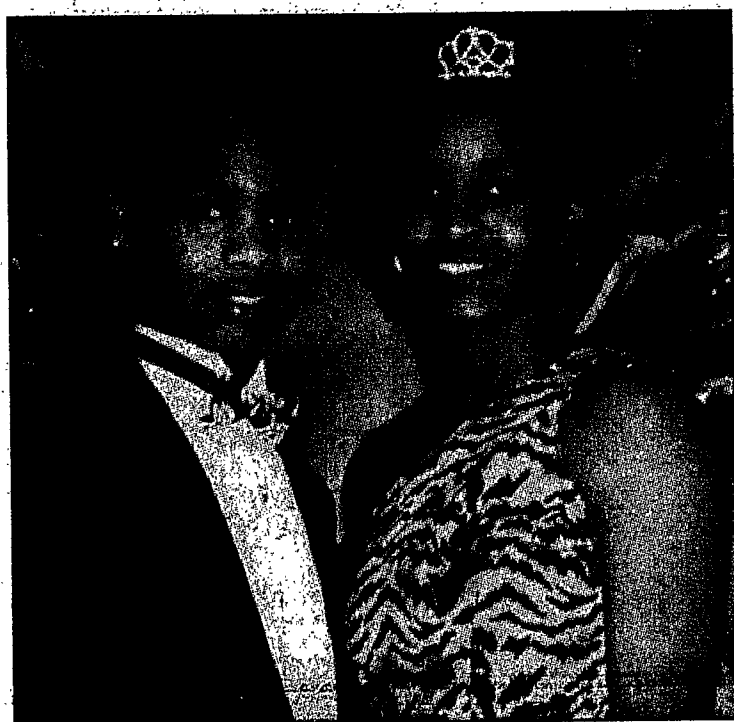
Krewe of Real People presents:

## Call of the Wild

The Krewe of Real People recently celebrated its 22nd annual Carnival Ball at the Hancock County Civic Center. The theme of this year's ball was "Call of the Wild."



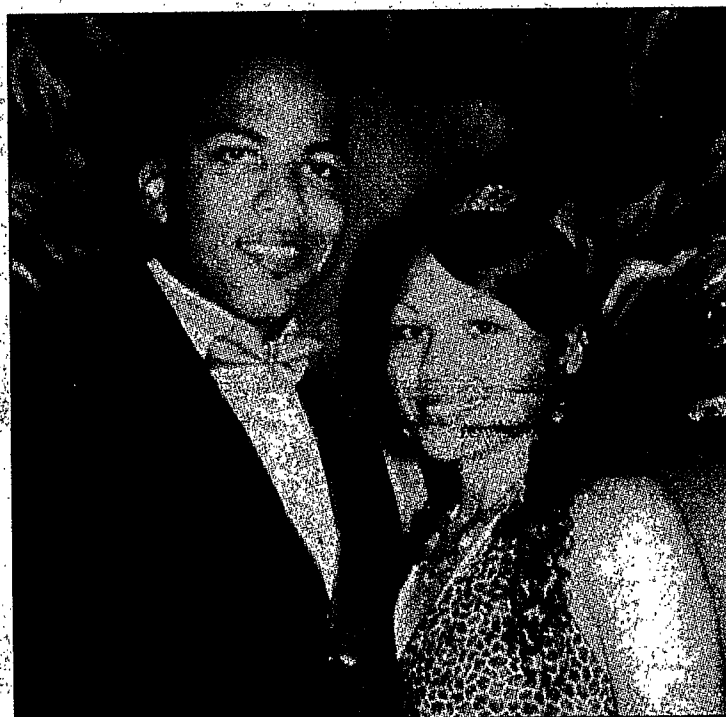
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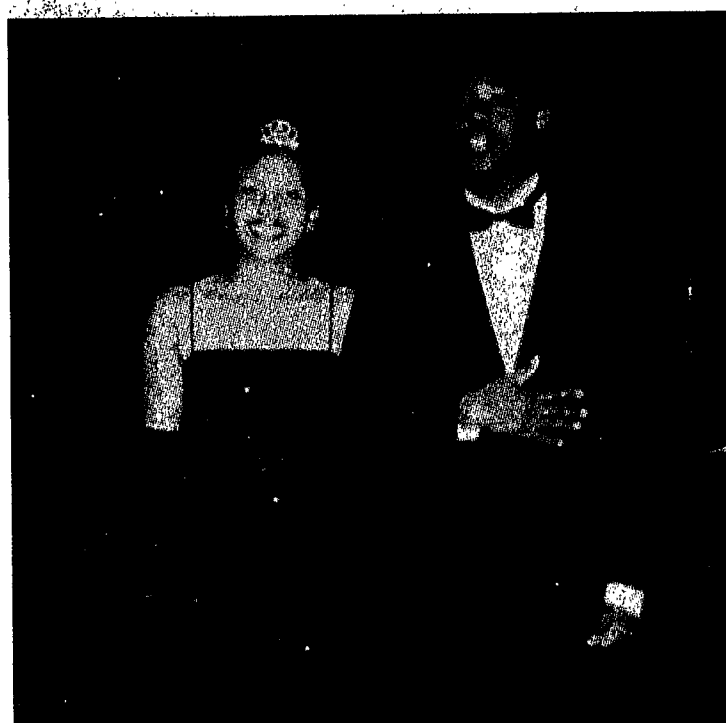
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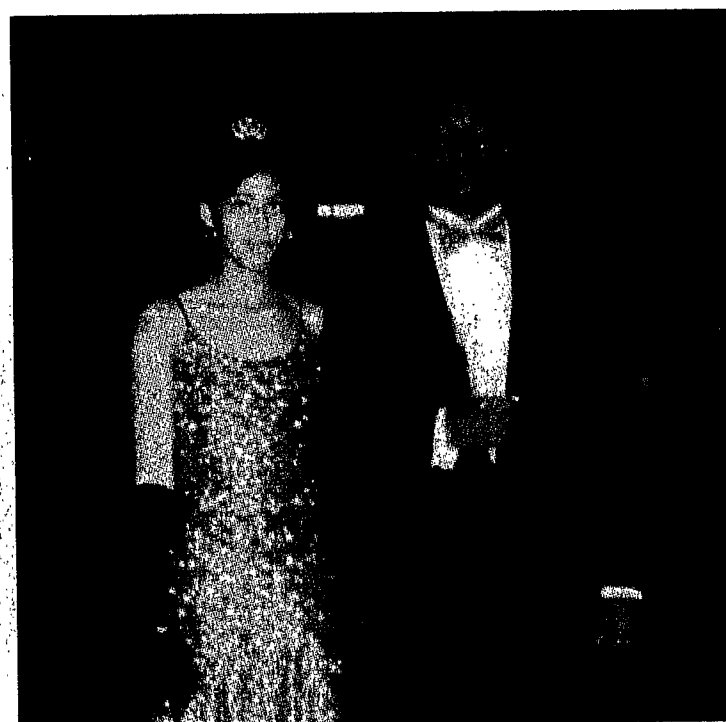
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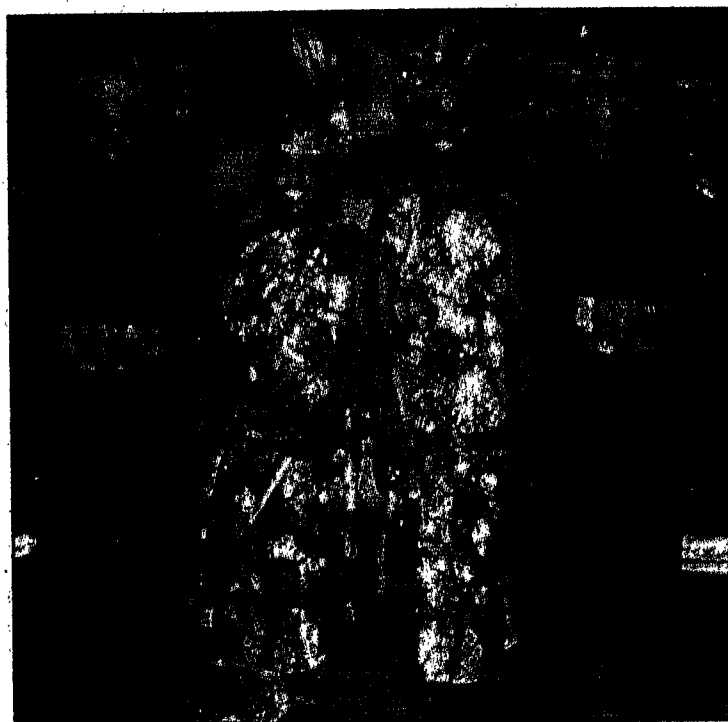
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Devon Evans, Deara Narcisse, Denzel Bradley and Mischa Tice, "The Royal Gift Bearers"



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Nick Saucier IV, DeAnna Narcisse and Rickey Lyons  
"Lil' Man, Janiqua and Tyran"



## REAL CHARACTERS



Seated (l-r) sophomore Chris Currie, 7th grader Ben Leiker, and freshman Josh Morgan. Standing (l-r) 8th grader Marshall Dillman, junior Rob Murray, and senior Paul Burnett.

## St. Stanislaus names Character Award Recipients for January

### THE SEA COAST ECHO

St. Stanislaus College named six Character Award Recipients for January, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, Principal.

The Saint Stanislaus College Character Award recipients for the month of January are seventh Ben Leiker, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Leiker of Long Beach, Mississippi; eighth grader Marshall Dillman, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carmouche of Shreveport, Louisiana; freshman Josh Morgan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Thomas Morgan of Pass Christian, Mississippi; sophomore Christopher Currie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James

Currie of Pass Christian, Mississippi; junior Rob Murray, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Richard of Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi; and senior Paul Burnett, the

son of Mrs. Susan Burnett of Pass Christian, Mississippi.

The SSC Character Award for the Month is a recognition program to acknowledge and honor students who demonstrate positive character traits in an outstanding and consistent manner. Each month a theme corresponds to the letters in the word Character: September (C) ? courage; October (H) ? honesty; November (A) ? achievement; December (R) ? reverence; January (A) ? attitude; February (C) ? compassion; March (T) ? trustworthy; April (E) ? enthusiasm; and May (R) ? respect.

St. Stanislaus College is a Catholic residency and day school for young men in grades 6-12. The school fosters character formation and integrates faith development within a curriculum which is primarily college preparatory.

## What's for Lunch? March 17-21

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**Thursday:** Sausage and Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

**Friday:** Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Toast, Juice

### LUNCH

**Monday:** Franks and Gravy, Ham & Cheese Sand. Creamed Potatoe, Steamed Broccoli, Apple, Peaches, Roll, Fruit Crisp,

**Tuesday:** Stuffed Crust Pizza, Roast Beef Poboey w/gravy, Parslied Potatoe, Green Beans, Pineapple Tidbits, Banana, Jello Cake

**Wednesday:** Chicken Gumbo w/Rice, Corn Dog Nugget, Potato Salad, Mix Vegetables, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Frozen Fruit Juice, Peanut Butter Ch, Crackers

**Thursday:** Taco Salad, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Buttered Peas, Chessy Broc/Caul, Oranges, Blushing Pears, Taco Sauce

**Friday:** Lasagna, Cheese Pizza, French Fries, Cream-Style Corn, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Tropical Fruit Mix, Yellow Cake, Roll

All menus subject to change.

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Menu not available from Hancock County School District.

## Local student in state Who's Who

Some 80 Mississippi State University seniors are included in the 2002-03 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Individuals are nominated by their institutions on the basis of academic

achievement, community service, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

The MSU selections include Sheryl J. Tasselin, a biological engineering major of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Tasselin.

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## HMS Dance Team to sponsor camp

The Hancock Middle School Dance Team is sponsoring a one day dance camp for 2nd - 8th grade girls on Saturday, March 22, from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the HMS gym. Campers will perform at the Hancock High School Spring Review in May. Cost is \$20. Special discounts are available for larger families and school employees. Contact Ursula Whitehead, 467-1889 for more information.

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## Great Books Group to meet

The Happy Journey by Thornton Wilder will be the selection discussed at the next Great Books discussion group meeting on Wednesday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Seal Meeting Room of the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library. The group is currently studying the volume, 24 Favorite One Act Plays. The Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library has several copies available for check out.

Sponsored by the Hancock County Library System, the discussion

group began in March, 19th. Since that time, members have read more than 345 fides and they have completed 110 readings from great books (Plato, Hobbes, Locke, deTocqueville), Mississippi fiction, play readings and 20 philosophical questions. The group meets every other Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The Great Books Foundation was established in 1947 by University of Chicago Chancellor Robert Maynard Hutchins. Its mission is to provide people of all ages, backgrounds and

walks of life with the opportunity to read, discuss and learn from outstanding works of literature.

Today, more than 20,000 adults are members of Great Books discussion groups, and nearly one million students participate in Junior Great Books groups for grades kindergarten through 12.

Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. The only requirement is that you read the selection before the meeting. For information, call Sheila Cork at 467-5282.

## Spring and rainy, windy days to highlight library story hours

Spring is coming! will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Bay St. Louis Hancock County at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 19, at 10:30 a.m.

Planting a Rainbow, Mud and The Grouchy Ladybug are the books to be read. Susan Daigre, program coordinator, will assist the children in making a ladybug craft.

Rainy Days, Windy Days is the theme for the children's story hour at the Kiln Public Library on Thursday, March 20, at 10:30 a.m.

One Monday, Right Outside My Window and One Rainy Day are the books to be read during the program.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one half hour, depending upon subject matter and planned activity.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school age children three to five

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For individual branch

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## Weddings and Engagements



Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Moran

## Rutherford-Hill

Margaret Ann Draime Rutherford of Diamondhead and Richard "Rick" L. Hill of Bay St. Louis were united in marriage November 30, 2002 in First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis.

The Rev. Brian Rushing officiated.

Soloist were David Cross and April Condiff. Guitarist was Walter Beck and Pianist was Gail Carr.

The bride is the daughter of Jesse E. Draime Sr. and the late Margaret "Peggy" Draime of Citronelle, Alabama.

The groom's parents are

Gibson and Judy Carter of Bay St. Louis.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Maid of honor was Joan Marie Draime Haas, sister of the bride. Bridesmaid was Amity Graves.

Flower girl was Kaylin Hill, daughter of the groom and Ring bearer was Joshua Hill, son of the groom.

Best man was Mark Thomas and Ushers were Walter Beck and Clyde Bivens.

After a wedding trip to Natches, Ms. The couple will reside in Bay St. Louis.



Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. "Rick" Hill

## Herrmann-Moran

Amanda Lee Herrmann of Starkville, Ms. and John (J.E.) Edward Moran of Starkville, Ms., were united in marriage November 30, 2002 in St. Thomas Catholic Church in Long Beach.

Father Mike Austin and Father John Kelly officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Rhonda Herrmann of Gulfport, Ms.

The groom's parents are Jennifer Moran and the late Anthony Moran of Bay St. Louis.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Matron of Honor was Melissa Bryant, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids included Christie Austin of Gulfport, Ms., Danielle Virgilio of Birmingham, Alabama, Susie Murray, sister of the groom, of Bay St. Louis, and Cassie Hogan of Gulfport, Ms.

Flower girls were Lindsay Herrman of Gulfport, Ms., and Mekayla McMillan of Gautier, Ms.

Miniature Bridesmaids were Brooke Bryant of Gulfport, Ms. and Kaylee Bryant of Gulfport, Ms.

Miniature groom was Kyle Tanner of Gulfport, Ms.

Ring Bearer was Hunter Murray of Bay St. Louis.

Best Man was Thomas Rutherford of Starkville, Ms.

Groomsmen were Patrick Boudreaux of Bay St. Louis, John Delong of Mobile, Alabama, Johnny Rutherford of Bay St. Louis, Michael Murray of Bay St. Louis, and Jason Blanchette of Bay St. Louis.

Ushers were Mike Herrmann of Gulfport, Ms.,

Mark Herrman of Gulfport, Ms., Gerritt Carver of Meridian, Ms., Brennan Compretta of Bay St. Louis.

Organist was Alana Rutledge of Bay St. Louis.

Vocalists were Sandy Rhodes of Bay St. Louis, Jason Blanchette of Bay St. Louis.

Readers were Carrie Ziegler of Gulfport, Ms. and Anne McAllister of Gulfport, Ms.

Bell Ringers were Bryan Sample, uncle of bride, of Gulfport, Ms. and Ed Tanner, uncle of bride, of Gulfport, Ms.

A rehearsal dinner was given by the groom's mother Jennifer Moran and held at Bay City Grill in Bay St. Louis, Ms., on November 29, 2002. The location of the dinner was significant in that it was where the couple had their first date.

Bridal showers prior to the wedding. The first one was held on Saturday, September 28, 2002, at the Orange Grove Lions Club.

Melissa Bryant, Cassie Hogan, and Lisa McGuire hosted the shower. The couple was also given a couple's dinner party in Bay St. Louis, on October 26, 2002 at the home of Trent Favre.

The party was hosted by family and friends of the groom and had a fall decorative theme.

Most memorable moment: The most memorable moments of the wedding were when the bride's nieces walked all the way down the aisle to complete their miniature bride walk along with the groom giving the bride a kiss on her forehead before giving her the traditional kiss.

The couple will reside in Starkville, Ms.

## Oustalet-Necaise

Mr. Rick Oustalet of Bay St. Louis and Mrs. Jean Dubuisson of Bay St. Louis announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of Ursula Ann Oustalet, to Teddy Joseph Necaise, son of Mr. Ted Necaise of Bay St. Louis and Ms. Tamara Necaise of Bay St. Louis.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Our Lady Academy and Jennings High School, and attended McNeese State University College. She is presently employed with Pass Christian Public School District.

The prospective groom is

a Bay High School graduate and attended the University of Southern Mississippi College.

He is presently employed with ASI.

The wedding will take place July 26, 2003 at 5 p.m. at the Palace in the Pass, Pass Christian.

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## Births

### FAITH JANAE ANDERSON

Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott and Jane W. Anderson of Waveland, Ms. announce the birth of their third child, Faith Janae, February 23, 2003 at 9:08 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

Mrs. Anderson is the former Jane E. Watts.

Maternal grandparents are James Nollie Watts and the late Lainys Dawson Watts of Gulfport, Ms. and Grand Jet, Co. respectively.

Paternal grandparents are James E. Anderson and Brenda W. Anderson of Waveland.

Great-grandparents are Marrin and Juanita Wadsworth Talley of Laurel, MS and Jim and Eloyce Winstead of Pucket, MS.

Faith is welcomed home by sister Brittney and brother J. Eric.

### XAVIEN LAVON ARBUTHNOT

Kelly Boyd and Justin Arbuthnot of Gulfport, Ms. announce the birth of their first child, Xavien Lavon Arbuthnot, March 2, 2003 at 3:38 p.m. at Garden Park Medical Center.

He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are W.C. and Debra Boyd of Pass Christian, Ms.

Paternal grandparents are Clarence Arbuthnot and

Gail B. Antoine of Pass Christian, Ms.

Great-grandparents include Clarence and Eleanor Hudson of Silver Creek, Ms.; Johnnie Boyd of Jayess; Jesse and Jeanell Barnes of Pass Christian, Ms.; Charles C. Arbuthnot of Natches, Ms.

### MEGAN ELIZABETH BOURGEOIS

Robin Gregson Bourgeois and Kirk Allen Bourgeois of Bay St. Louis, Ms. announce the birth of a daughter, Megan Elizabeth, November 21, 2002 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center.

Maternal grandparents are Betty Gregson of Albuquerque, NM and the late Tommy Gregson and Mary Oliveri of N.O. La.

Paternal grandparents are Otto and Clare Bourgeois of Bay St. Louis, Ms.

### ROBERT VINCENT CORR

Mr. and Mrs. Shane A. Corr of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their second child, Robert Vincent, January 10, 2003 at 4:04 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center.

He weighed 7 pounds.

Mrs. Catherine Corr is the former Catherine Hayward.

Maternal Grandparents are Rick Hayward of Covington, LA. and Cindy Martin of Pass Christian.

Paternal Grandparents are Janet G. Corr and the late Donald E. Corr Sr. of Bay St. Louis.

Great-Grandparents include Claire Cambell of Pass Christian.

Robert is welcomed by sister Elizabeth Aaron.

### PAIGE NICOLE CUCURULLO

Norma Jean Cucurullo and Troy Michael Cucurullo of Bay St. Louis, Ms. announce the birth of their daughter, Paige Nicole, November 29, 2002 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center.

Maternal grandparents are Joe and Virginia Torres of Covington, La.

Paternal grandparent is Joann Cucurullo of Bay St. Louis.

### ETHAN JOSEPH CUEVAS

Jami Lynn Moran Cuevas and Lewis Robert Cuevas of Kiln, Ms., announce the birth of their son, Ethan Joseph, January 20, 2003 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center.

Maternal grandparents are Warren and Alyce Moran of Kiln, Ms.

Paternal grandparents are Armond and Margaret Cuevas of Poplarville, Ms.

### MICHAELA MARY JULIETTE ELLIS

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy and Cathy Ellis of Bay St. Louis, Ms. announce the birth of

their first child, Michaela Mary Juliette Ellis, February 4, 2003 at 6:54 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center.

She weighed 9 pounds 4 ounces. Cathy Ellis is the former Cathy Cuevas.

Maternal grandparents are Joyce Cuevas of Wiggins and Earl J. Cuevas Jr. of Pass Christian, Ms.

Paternal grandparents are the late Clyde Ellis of Sumrall and the late Pearl

Ellis of Waveland, Ms.

### BREANNA MARIE GIPSON

Joshua Gipson and Tabitha Justin of Pearlinton, Ms., announce the birth of their second child, Breanna Marie Gipson, February 17, 2003 at 7:37 p.m. at Garden Park Hospital.

She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

Mrs. Justin is the former

Tabitha Henry.

Maternal grandparents are Debbie Rosner and Kevin Woods, of Biloxi, Ms., and Bernice Woods and Prentiss Woods, of Long Beach, Ms.

Paternal grandparents are Carl and Donata Gipson.

Great-grandparents include Robert Baumann and Deloris Necaise Baumann, of Slidell, La., and the late James Hoda, of Whitecypress and Earline Hoda also of Whitecypress.

Breanna is welcomed by brother, Christopher Justin.

## Pipeline

### Former 'Commish' reinvented himself

By Taylor Michaels  
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Michael Chiklis ("The Shield") looks somewhat like the star of the old "Hill Street Blues" in his new role as "Vic Mackey" on the new TV series "The Shield".

It's definitely the same actor, but he's reinvented himself. Chiklis took a complete turn and shaved his head with a buzz cut. He dropped more than 50 pounds and changed his image completely. He dropped more than 50 pounds and shaved his head with a buzz cut. He dropped more than 50 pounds and shaved his head with a buzz cut.

Coincidentally, the pilot for "The Shield" crossed his desk about the same time and Chiklis pursued the role of Vic Mackey until he won it. He's back on top for now, but, at 39, the actor of Greek heritage knows a thing or two about the vagaries of Hollywood luck.

According to the show's Web site at CBS.com: "The production interviews everyone who's ever been waiting for a contest and do not know until their names are called that they have been chosen." Is that Ethan Embry from "Freakylinks" co-starring Ed O'Neill in "Dragged to Hell"? Embry once used a different name, C. Adams via e-mail. Embry, 24, used his birth name, Ethan Randall, on early projects, including the 1991 film comedy "Dutch" with "Dragon" partner O'Neill. He later adopted his grandfather's surname, Embry, as a tribute to him.

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## The history of the holiday

### THE FIRST PARADE

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17, his religious feast day and the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for thousands of years.

On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon.

Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink, and feast—on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland, but in the United States. Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City on March 17, 1762. Along with their music, the parade helped the soldiers to reconnect with their Irish roots, as well as fellow Irish immigrants.

Over the next thirty-five years, Irish patriotism among American immigrants flourished, prompting the rise of so-called "Irish Aid" societies, like the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick and the Hibernian Society. Each group would hold annual parades featuring bagpipes (which actually first became popular in the Scottish and British armies) and drums.

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However, the Irish soon began to realize that their great numbers endowed them with a political power that had yet to be exploited. They started to organize, and their voting block, known as the "green machine," became an important swing vote for political hopefuls.

Suddenly, annual St. Patrick's Day parades became a show of strength for Irish Americans, as well as a must-attend event for a slew of political candidates. In 1948, President Truman attended New York City's St. Patrick's Day parade, a proud moment for the many Irish whose ancestors had to fight stereotypes and racial prejudice to find acceptance in America.

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**Reflections  
on Life**  
by Father Jerome  
LeDoux, SVD

After a dramatic pause, tears rolling freely, the man resumed his rapid-fire autobiography, irrepressibly driven by an intuition that he was making the very last rounds of his life. "It has been since 1985, about the time Rock Hudson was coming apart, that I was diagnosed with HIV and first began to fight. I decided I was going to live, because I was going to walk, and walk. I took courage from my brother who died as a result of full-blown AIDS several years ago. I resolved to be strong, to fight on as long as possible. I fought a good fight all these years. I walked, and walked, and walked. Now I'm at the end of the fight, and I can't walk anymore, except to move very slowly from one point to another. I'm ready to go home to God."

While I put things away after the Ash Wednesday morning service, I asked my visitor to be patient until I could get everything together and lock the church. "I have time," he assured me. "The only thing I have to do now is make my final preparations to go home to God. I am one big ball of pain right now, but I can see the end of the race. I'm going home to my Father." Finally working my way back to the rectory while the patient made his painfully slow way to the front thereof, I dug up some money to supplement what he already had for bus fare. As I gave it to him, he began to moan a very melancholy but compelling tune which grabbed my curiosity.

"I have something to sing for you. It's a special version of the Our Father which I learned a long time ago," he observed as he eased into that same haunting melody which he had been humming a minute before. Over the years, I have heard many versions of the Our Father, but I have never heard such a one so haunting, so unique, so gripping, so expressive, so inspiring. True, it was similar to some of the spontaneous Baptist long verse sounds, but unlike any particular one I have heard. As he sang, I instinctively fell in, humming a bluesy piano background of Ray Charles which bore an amazing kinship to the melody and rhythm. It was the most plaintive rendering of the Our Father I have ever heard, evoking deeply spiri-

Once more, here was an object reminder of the birth of the blues and jazz out of the bowels of the Negro Spirituals. The relationship between them is so strong that musicians and singers like Ray Charles, Aretha Franklin and many others float freely back and forth from one to the other. The Ray Charles song

which I was humming was profane, but it fit the religious. My terminally diseased visitor left me with a distinct gift of life expressed through the singular medium of music. Before boarding the bus, he was supposed to return to let me record his rendition of the Our Father, but, quite understandably, for some reason or other he was not able to get back to me. So I am left to ponder and search until I find that version of the Our Father. He did leave me with a keener sensitivity about terminal illnesses and about AIDS in particular. Radio and TV adds are grabbing my attention more readily than before, such as the one which warns: "More than half the HIV cases contracted this year will be by people 25 years old or younger."

Of course, that figure is for the United States, for we know, unfortunately, that a handful of countries in Africa display such ugly and unbelievably bad figures that our numbers are dwarfed almost into triviality. Yes, we need to be afraid for our own HIV problems, but we must be aware above and beyond them of the apocalyptic proportions of the problems in Africa.

We find it hard to imagine that, of the 42 million in the world who have HIV/AIDS, some 28 million are in sub-Saharan Africa and, increasingly, mere children are swelling that number. Surely, we cannot say what Cain did in Genesis 4:9: "Am I my brother's keeper?" As a matter of fact, we are our sister's/brother's keeper both at home in the United States and abroad. Things have come to such a pass that almost all of us have a relative somewhere in our family and certainly people in our extended family who are infected by HIV/AIDS. We are lost if we stick our heads in the sand now by pretending that half the new AIDS cases in this country are not children and that one of about every 240 Americans is infected with the deadly virus. Negative attitudes toward and criticism of AIDS patients will only worsen their plight and hurt all of us spiritually, socially and financially. By perusing the Gospels, it is easy to see how Jesus would treat AIDS victims: as he did everyone else according to Isaiah 53 and 61.

## Scripture Says . . .

By Ed Young

What is your understanding of God Almighty? What is he like? What does he want from us? Is he like we were told when we were little young people? Is he really hard to please? Does he get easily angry at the things we do?

Does he still sit on his throne judging us; and waiting to slap us down? Well, that's the belief a lot of people have and they are still in kindergarten mentally.

The news media is not much different. Wars, earthquakes and other natural calamities are called "Acts of God". How about calling them "natural calamities"?

This misunderstanding of God is caused by the fact that we don't read or study about Him; neither do we talk to Him very much. We really don't know Him!

It is this writer's belief that we were created to have fellowship with him, and to get to know him personally. What other reason would God have created us? He wants, us to share our lives with him; and he wants to make himself

known to us. (John 10: 14 - Job 19: 25) Job knew him, he said, I know my redeemer lives."

Do you know Him in a personal way? Can you say? "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside the still waters, He restores my soul. He leads me on the path of righteousness for his namesake."

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for He is with me, His rod and His staff do comfort me. He prepares a table before me in the presence of enemies, He anoints my head with oil, my cup runneth over. Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever." (Psalm 23)

Do you believe that? Can we not see that God loves us immeasurably?

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give you of your sins, He does so, not because He owes it to you, but because He is gracious. You see, God gave His only Son to die on a cross almost 2000 years ago to pay the penalty due to people like you for their sins. When Christ died, He did not pay for His own sins. He was perfect. He was sinless. Christ paid for the sins of others! So when you ask God, He forgives your debt for sin, not because He owes you anything but because of Christ's sacrifice to pay for your sin. That's grace! "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not as a result of works, that no one should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

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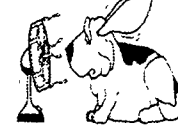
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Superintendent Jerry Eubanks announced this week that the regularly scheduled excursion boat services to Ship Island began on Saturday, March 1, 2003.

Pan Isles, Inc. of Gulfport, Mississippi, official concessioner for the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service provides daily passenger ferry service from the mainland to Ship Island. Ship Island, which is part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore, is home to historic Fort Massachusetts, one of the last coastal forts built in the United States and the only one in the state of Mississippi.

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The round trip fare for riding the excursion boat is \$18 for adults; \$9 for children ages 3-10; and \$16 for Seniors (ages 62+) and Military (active ID). Children under 3 years of age ride free of charge. A one way boat trip to the island takes approximately one hour. A frequent rider discount ticket and discounts for groups are also available. Private group charters are offered year around from Biloxi and Gulfport. In addition, the concessioner offers a shuttle service to East Ship Island for campers and day-use on weekends throughout the spring and fall and daily during the summer season. Arrangements for shuttle service and group charters must be made in advance.

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## 90 Pets

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**HUGE MOVING SALE, MANY NEW** items. 412 Old Spanish Trail March 14, 15, 16. 463-0554

## 96 Wanted To Buy

**ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES, Tools,** dolls, furniture. One piece or whole full. Call 467-2628 days.

**WANT TO BUY: HOT DOG Roller** machine, pop-corn machine, commercial coffee machine, pizza oven and warmer all supplies. Looking for basically all used convenient store equipment. All calls welcomed. Mega 463-0600.

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## 138 Trucks, Vans

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## 148 Mobile Homes For Rent

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**TWO BEDROOM ONE BATH** \$350/month. \$150/deposit. 228-760-2205.

## 149 Mobile Homes For Sale

**12x60 MOBILE HOME, \$2,500.** 2 window units, heater, propane tank, and electrical pole included. 255-7508

**12X60 MOBILE HOME: 3 LOTS,** well and grinder, \$25,000 or best offer. 466-4327, 493-1016.

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**FOR RENT: 3BR/2BA, new** construction, 168 & 172 Felicity, \$775.; 803 Spanish Acres Dr. 3BR/2BA \$600/month; 405-A Citizen St. Townhome. 3BR/2-1/2BA \$850. Call Chari at McIntyre Rapp Real Estate. 467-3777.

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**GRANDMA'S HSE: HI-CEILINGS,** lg rms, seldom traveled street. \$65,000. Pass Christian: 2 bdrm 2 ba country home, cntl h/a, 6 acres, \$56,900. Country: Lg 3 bdrm raised home cntl h/a. \$55,500. Key Properties, Inc. 467-0600.

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**JOURDAN RIVER SHORES:** 3br/2ba, kitchen w/den combo/corner fireplace wooden blinds w/lots windows. Back porch w/nice view. Bulkhead w/dock. Storage room w/full bath downstairs. Larger lot. Priced right. \$149,900. 586-0433.

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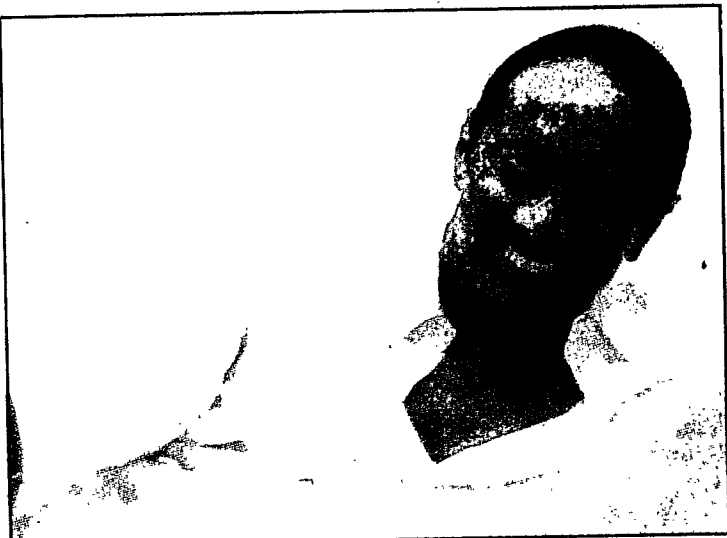
### THE SEA COAST ECHO

Paul Anka brings five decades of musical magic to Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Friday, May 2 at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$29.95, \$34.95, and \$39.95 and are available at Casino Magic Box Office or at any Ticketmaster location.

Beginning his career by entering amateur contests and sneaking into clubs, Paul Anka has gone on to become one of the greatest songwriters in history. He has achieved unprecedented success in every venue: stage, screen, television, and recording.

His musical compositions are internationally known and have been recorded by the greatest names in the entertainment industry. He recently set a milestone by being one of only a few artists in history to have a record on Billboard's Top 50 charts for five consecutive decades.

Anka has also been named the 21st most successful artist in Billboard's history and received the honor of being named one of Billboard Magazine's most successful artists in history, putting him alongside



Paul Anka

music greats Elvis Presley and the Beatles.

Since the inception of his career, Anka's songs have been performed well over 90 million times worldwide; and his LP and single sales collectively number more than 42 million. With well over 900 songs to his credit, Anka's most memorable are "Put Your Head On My Shoulder," "My Way" and the famous theme from "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson."

Anka's contributions to the entertainment industry

have earned him numerous awards and special recognition.

In addition to performing for heads of state, he has been honored by the French government, who awarded him the title: Chevalier In The Order of Arts and Letters. He is among only a handful of Americans to receive this prestigious award. Recently, the National Academy of Popular Music elected Anka into The Songwriter's Hall Of Fame.

An indication of his ver-

satility shows in his most beloved song "My Way." It has been recorded not only by the likes of Elvis Presley, but also, Sid Vicious, and most notably, Frank Sinatra, who the song was written for.

The list of performers recording Anka's songs is an honor role of some of the most talented artists of all time: Sinatra, Presley, Barbara Streisand, Buddy Holly, Tom Jones, and the Doobie Brothers.

Anka launched his career at the age of sixteen with "Diana, with sales totaling over 20 million copies worldwide. Before he turned 18, Anka had five Top-20 hits and became a household name with songs like "You Are My Destiny," "Lonely Boy" and "Puppy Love."

In the '70s, Anka ushered in another wave of chart-topping hits: "(You're) Having My Baby," "I Don't Like To Sleep Alone" and "One-Man Woman." His success continues today with the release of new albums and touring across the nation and on the international stage.

Don't miss Paul Anka at

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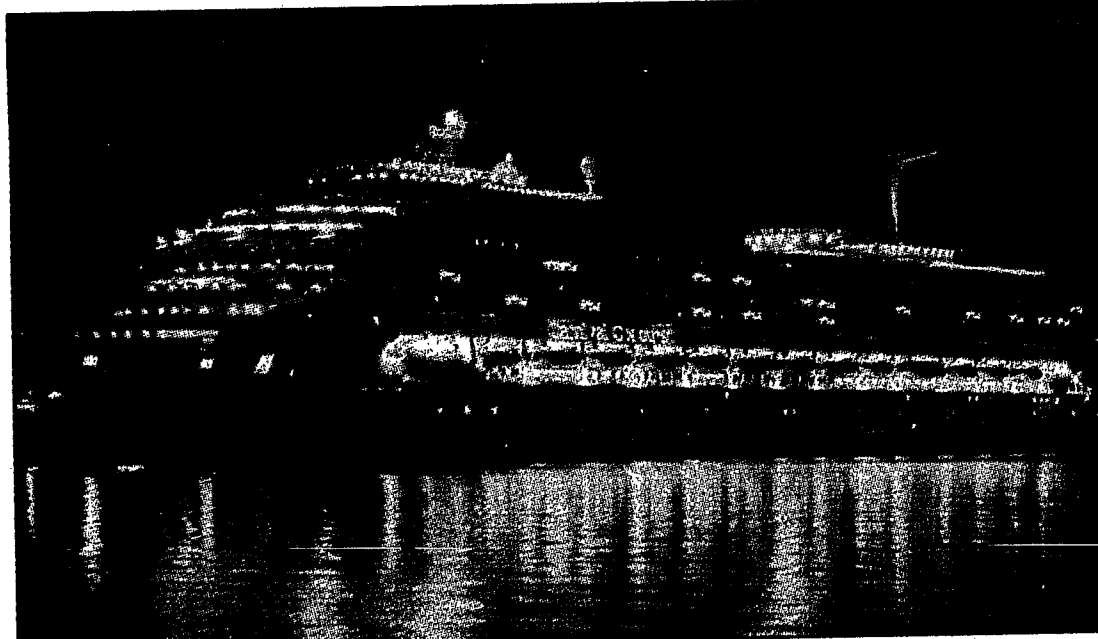
Tourism officials on Mississippi's Gulf Coast spent Mardi Gras day celebrating more than Fat Tuesday festivities after

Carnival Cruise Lines executives announced plans to dock its largest cruise ship, the Conquest, for the next several weeks at the Mississippi State Port in Gulfport.

"We're real excited about the opportunity to be able to help Carnival, as well as demonstrate we have the capacity and capability to host one of the largest vessels in the cruise industry," said Gulfport Mayor Ken Combs.

Due to the seasonal rise of the Mississippi River and low hanging power lines down river from the Port of New Orleans, the Carnival Conquest will use Gulfport as a temporary home-port for its more than 3,000 passengers sailing weekly to the western Caribbean. At 952 feet long and 110,000 tons, the Conquest, which entered service on Dec. 1, 2002, is the largest "Fun Ship" ever constructed.

"For the past few years, we have been working with cruise industry executives to position Gulfport and



The Carnival Conquest

Mississippi's Gulf Coast as a homeport or port-of-call destination," said Don Allee, executive director of the State Port.

"We are confident of our ability to step up to the plate and provide great service to one of our cruise customers during a time of need. Additionally, we hope that through this experience we will open the doors to more permanent cruise line opportunities."

Passengers of the Conquest will now be able

to more easily visit Mississippi's Gulf Coast. Only an hour east of New Orleans, Mississippi's Gulf Coast offers a variety of venues designed to pique their interest and enhance their vacation experience including 26 miles of scenic coastal beaches, 12 casino resorts, more than 22 golf courses with designs by Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Davis Love III; more than 46 cultural attractions like Beauvoir, the last home of

Confederate President Jefferson Davis; world-renowned saltwater fishing and unique shopping.

"The Carnival Conquest adds another element to the inventory of destination amenities Mississippi's Gulf Coast offers," said our guests choose to enhance their visit with a western Caribbean cruise or a trip to one of our renowned museums, casinos, golf courses, or other attractions, we promise to provide an unforgettable well-balance escape."

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